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Anthony Cain of the Lambton U/8 team is safe and sure, and in no danger from a South Wallsend attacker. Anthony prefers to be called "George" and says he is going to be the best goalkeeper in Australia. We hope so too George, and the very best of luck. So "Ossie Bellamy" watch out!!
Photo by courtesy of Ernie Lamb.

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Editorial

Since this is the first Year Book published by the Northern Soccer Federation for many years, it is hoped that it will fill a much needed gap in Northern Soccer.

Much has happened since the last issue. Many more teams have entered Federation football and we now have five divisions each of 12 teams.

We look to the not too distant future when we shall have teams from areas such as Armidale, Tamworth, Grafton, Lismore etc. playing in our weekend fixtures along with our own West Wallsend, Adamstown, Weston, Highfields etc. etc. remembering that the Northern Federation is responsible for these areas.

There is more junior football played between the Hawkesbury Bridge and the Queensland border than thought possible 15 years ago.

One big growth area is the Tuncurry-Forster, Pacific Palms areas.

Soccer has flourished on the North Coast at centres such as Taree, Kempsey, Coffs Harbour, Grafton, Murwillumbah, Lismore, Mullumbimby, Tweed Heads.

Then in the New England we have Singleton and Muswellbrook which will gain a big population explosion by the early 1980's with the expected coal developments. Further up the road a little way, Scone, Gunnedah, Tamworth, Tenterfield and Armidale are all fast developing football centres.

Northern New South Wales has always been recognised as the greatest football centre in Australia. It is a fact that cannot be denied.

And the Philips Soccer League, through Newcastle KB United will make the North greater still.

Every effort has been made to bring all records up to date, but should error occur it will be rectified in our next issue.

The North will celebrate its Soccer centenary in 1984 and no doubt the Northern New South Wales Soccer Federation will plan a big celebration for this occasion.

I thank all those people who have helped to bring this Year Book to the World. I assure you all, no malice or hurt is intended to any person or persons.

Harry Hetherington.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This book is a collection of articles.

To cover this spectrum it has been necessary to call on assistance of the following people : Jack Mathews, Sid Grant, Ern Craig, Bill Jones, Myles Hay, Bill Turner, Ern Lamb (photos) Jimmy Thomson (photos).

I appreciate very much the help so willingly given.

Harry Hetherington.

Presidents Message

The Federation's appointment of Alan Vest as full time Director of Coaching in mid 1977 and the formation by the Federation of Newcastle United Soccer Club in August 1977 marked the beginning of what promises to be the greatest soccer era ever in the North.

Since his arrival on the scene Alan Vest has conducted coaching courses throughout a large part of Northern New South Wales – from Gosford to Coffs Harbour – including teacher training courses at the Newcastle College of Advanced Education. A number of our own Federation players have already successfully completed the "Senior" course.

Many more courses are "on the drawing board". It is anticipated that Federation Clubs will continue to encourage their players to qualify. We look forward to the time when every Federation club will have a coach who has "graduated" through a Senior Coaching Course.

When Newcastle KB United played its first Philips League fixture on March 5 at the International Sports Centre the Newcastle public by an attendance in excess of 15,000 (a Philips League record) demonstrated the strong support available to soccer in this district. It was gratifying to see our newest club creating a link with the North's former great players by inviting them as honoured guests – and the North's famous Artie Quill appointed as manager of United's Youth Squad.

Already the squad of Newcastle KB United includes some of our local products and the stated policy of the club confirms its intention to foster local players. The formation of a Newcastle United Youth squad to participate in the Coca-Cola Youth Competition ensures that, as time goes by, we will see an increasing number of our home grown footballers taking their places in the Philips League side.

Federation Directors appreciate the whole-hearted support extended to Newcastle United by Federation clubs. The spirit of co-operation which exists between the clubs is unique in Australia.

As a result of the impetus given to Soccer in the North in recent months Federation clubs should seize the opportunity to promote themselves in their own areas. This is a big year for Northern Soccer. The establishment by the Federation of a professionally staffed office readily places the facilities of the Federation of the disposal of clubs to answer their inquiries and is greatly assisting the smooth operation of the Federation's affairs.

Young Soccer players – you have the "ball at your feet" to become a part of the North's proud reputation as the home of soccer in Australia. Make the most of your opportunities.

Don Jones.

Secretary's Report

In my report to last years' A.G.M. I proffered that 1977 may well be remembered as the year of soccers' greatest achievements in Australia and in our own Soccer State of Northern N.S.W. At the time that my report was presented many of the items were only in the preliminary stages of implementation with no results apparent. To-day many of the projects have come to fruition.

The appointment of Alan Vest to the post of State Director of Coaching in Northern N.S.W. and his assistance to Newcastle KB United has already reaped rich rewards. Alan Vest has conducted successful coaching courses throughout a very extensive part of the state and Alans' name is revered by all who have been fortunate to have received counselling from him. As a result of his labours there is now available a large body of men, trained at various levels, to apply the correct techniques for player/team development. It is advisable that clubs encourage their players to become qualified coaches. This will have the duel effect of increasing the players' efficiency as well as providing a pool of qualified personnel. It is to be hoped that, in the very near future, every Federation Club will have a coach who has graduates through a Senior Coaching Course.

Who, but the super optimist, would have predicted, at this time last year, that our R.S.L. entrant "Newcastle United" would play its initial home fixture before a record crowd in excess of 15,000? Never-the-less this is now fact, as is the fact that Newcastle United maintained its popularity to be the best supported club in the R.S.L. The club amassed a total seasonal attendance in excess of 100,000 spectators and out drew rival football codes. In review, it appears the essential ingredients of success possessed by Newcastle United were: the Club is identified with a large district that unified support, has volatile Public Relations and astute administration, a venue that is central to transport and with acceptable spectator accommodation, and the wholehearted support of our Federation Clubs.

As a result of the impetus given to Soccer in Northern N.S.W. by the successful debut of Newcastle K.B. United in the Philips League it seems but a logical progression to implement a subsidiary competition on a state-wide basis in the form of a "State League".

The State League is not really a new concept, the idea being proposed at Director level some years ago. However, the prevailing enthusiasm being exhibited for a possible start in 1979.

It is envisaged that initially the League should comprise of 8 clubs i.e. one club from each of the 8 Junior Association Districts of the Amateur Federation with a possible expansion if an when the demand warrants. To gain admission to the League an applicant club would be required to comprehensively answer the supply documented evidence that is has efficient administration, a qualified coach, has or will acquire a player strength of P.S.L. standard, have adequate financial strength

(sponsorship etc.) have suitable amenities for day/night fixtures, public/local government/media support in their district and be properly constituted (preferably as a co-operative/limited company).

If the worthwhile and operative features of the P.S.L. format are adopted and embodied in the State League planning then the venture is headed for success. It will adequately fill the void between our present fragmented competition and the Australia-wide competition of the P.S.L.

At the time of writing the State League concept is receiving enthusiastic support from most corners of our Northern Soccer State and I feel that it is nearer to being a reality than most people imagine.

I cannot help but comment on the sterling personal efforts of our retiring President, Harley Dixon, and his endeavours to implement and establish the State League concept. Harley Dixon firstly conducted a reconnaissance tour of the Northern section of the state to introduce the idea to the various State Junior Associations. This was followed by a second tour to address the various steering committees that had been formed in each of these Associations. It will be due to Harley's tireless efforts and expertise that the State League will eventually become a reality. I commend him for his efforts.

With the possible advent of the State League there will no doubt be speculation amongst the fate and status of those clubs that remain within the various divisions of the Federation competitions. Already I have heard it rumoured that vacancies created in the 1st Division ranks will hopefully be filled by a shuffle of clubs from the next lower Division to make up the quota. This "packing-up" method is to be continued right down the line until the ranks of the present 5th Division are almost depleted. All this is sheer speculation. It may eventuate however, that the vacancies are not filled and 1st Division will operate with a fewer number of clubs than previously. Since the situation has not yet arisen Directors have not had to make a decision one way or the other.

The pre-season competitions conducted for the B.P. Shield and the N.B.N. Cup were conducted successfully and I congratulate the winning clubs on their efforts and thank the Sponsors for their generosity. I would also like to thank those clubs who made their grounds available so early in the year for these competitions to be played.

The Rothmans Premiership was played and mostly completed on schedule. Both Edgeworth and Belmont Swansea finished their respective Divisions undefeated. An extremely fine effort deserving of the highest congratulations.

Doyalson-Syee R.S.L. took out Division 3 honours and were closely followed up by Kurri Kurri. Newcastle Olympic were 4th Division champions with Dudley-Redhead runner up. Charlestown Hotspurs led the field home in 5th Division followed by Nelson Bay. The above named clubs have earned the right to be promoted to a higher Division and are to be congratulated for their effort.

Grand Final Honours were won by the following clubs :—

1st Division			
Edgeworth	2	Weston	0
Weston	1	Highfields Azzurri	0
Adamstown	2	Toronto-Awaba	1
2nd Division			
Belmont-Swansea	1	Belmont	0
Belmont-Swansea	5	Jesmond	1
Belmont-Swansea	1	New Lambton	0
3rd Division			
Kurri Kurri	2	Raymond Terrace	1
Swansea Workers	1	Kurri Kurri	0
Beresfield	2	Stockton	0
4th Division			
Newcastle Olympic	1	Garden Suburbs	0
Rovers	2	Dudley-Redhead	1
Rovers	2	Newcastle Olympic	1
5th Division			
Shortland R.S.L.	(2)	Charlestown Hotspur	(2)
4 penalties		3 penalties	
5th Division			
Marks Point B.C.	1	Charlestown Hotspurs	1
Charlestown Hotspurs	3	Marks Point	0
			(Replay)

In National Competitions at all age levels this Federation has been represented with a great deal of success that has done credit to the high standard of preparation by the appointed coaches and managers. I must thank Messrs Alan Tredinnick, Jim Wood and Keith Anderson for their sterling work and for the comprehensive report that each submitted.

I would also like to pass on my appreciation to John Power, Ernie Craig, Jack Evans and Bob Cameron for the time spent hearing judiciary cases and for the constructive suggestion offered.

There seemed to be a great harmony and stability amongst our clubs during the year. The members of the Protest and Disputes Committee, Messrs Kevin Laughlin, Geoff Stone and Peter Mason, met on fewer occasions during this year which emphasised this trend.

In conclusion I would like to express my sincere gratitude to my fellow Directors, Club Officials and in particular to our Office Secretary, Mrs Lynn Bevan, for helpful assistance and co-operation during the year.

John Sullivan,
Secretary.

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STATE OF EXPENDITURE

FOR THE PERIOD 6TH OCTOBER, 1977 TO 20TH DECEMBER, 1978

Affiliation Fee – A.S.F.			400.00
Northern Soccer News			3,927.51
Rothman's Premiership			4,760.20
– Advertising		1,210.20	
– Prize Money		3,550.00	
Grand Finals – Prize Money			470.00
State League			726.52
B.P. Shield			2,168.77
Sports Foundation (Insurance)			575.25
Telephone			1,526.47
Postage			1,017.24
Stationery			2,009.13
1977 Presentation Night			1,079.45
1977 New Zealand Tour			168.00
1977 Under 16 – National Youth C'chips			115.20
1978 Under 16 – National Youth C'chips			2,587.25
1978 Under 19			2,555.44
– Track Suits (Sponsored)			336.60
1977 Soccer Princess Prize			744.00
1977 Raffle Prize			1,400.00
1978 Player of Year Award			150.00
1978 Soccer Princess			922.68
Equipment – Balls, etc.			113.80
Depreciation			950.00
Donations			290.00
Administrative Expenses			406.54
Delegates Expenses			172.71
Delegates Insurance			125.00
Dundee – Presentation			42.90
Out of Pocket Allowances			2,990.00
Craig Johnson Expenses			714.00
Bank Charges			40.00
Audit Fee – Provision			760.00
Salaries and Wages			11,859.72
– Director of Coaching	$17,915.36		
Less refunds (N.K.B.U.)	9,128.10	8,787.26	
– Office Assistant		3,072.46	
N.B.N. Channel 3 – Mini Cup			150.00
Coca Cola Go for Goals			1,000.00
Total Expenditure			$47,244.38
Surplus for period – Excess of Income over Expenditure			$21,256.28

STATEMENT OF INCOME

FOR THE PERIOD 6TH OCTOBER, 1977 TO 20TH OCTOBER, 1978

Club Affiliation Fees	30,450	
Less Rebates	2,380	$28,070.00
Levy – Injured Players Fund		350.00
Fines		3,160.00
Transfer Fees		533.80
Northern Soccer News		500.00
Rothman's Sponsorship		5,000.00
B.P. Shield Sponsorship		1,500.00
"Pools" (2 years 1977/1978)		12,000.00
Raffle for 1977 New Zealand Tour		39.60
Refund re Craig Johnson		714.00
Coca Cola Go for Goals		1,000.00
Coca Cola – Under 19 Track Suits		336.60
N.B.N. Channel 3 – Mini Cup		150.00
Department Sport and Recreation Grant		2,500.00
A.S.F. Coaching Grant		5,000.00
Refund Air Fares		200.00
Stale cheques written back		11.00
Out of pocket Allowance written back		100.00
Interest – Bank		215.12
– Interest Bearing Deposit		450.00
– Building Society		1,025.40
Surplus – 1977 Semi Finals etc.		3,365.38
– 1978 Semi Finals etc.		2,279.76
		$68,500.66

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 20th OCTOBER, 1978

ASSETS:		
Cash at Bankers		$ 9,933.51
Cash on Deposit – Interest Bearing Deposits		16,000.00
– Building Society		18,683.20
Office Petty Cash		24.10
Sundry Debtors		3,817.29
Soccer Balls, Strip, Typrwriters etc. at Cost less Depreciation to Date		1,424.55
		49,882.65
Less Liabilities		
Sundry Creditors		800.00
		$49,082.65
Represented by:		
Coaching Fund		3,677.71
General Fund		45,404.94
– Balance at 5th October, 1977	24,148.66	
Plus Surplus for period	21,256.28	
		$49.082.65

INJURED PLAYERS ASSISTANCE FUND

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

FOR THE PERIOD 6TH OCTOBER, 1977 to 20TH OCTOBER, 1978

INCOME:	
Levies In Clubs	$4,550.00
Interest – Bank	61.46
– Building Society	242.11
Stale cheques written back as Income	38.50
	$4,892.07
EXPENDITURE:	
Claims paid	3,071.61
Depreciation	85.00
Administration Levy	350.00
	$3,506.61
Surplus for period – Excess of Income over Expenditure	$1,385.46

BALANCE SHEET – AS AT 20TH OCTOBER, 1978

ASSETS:		
Cash at Bankers		1,032.27
Cash on Deposit – Interest Bearing Deposit		2,000.00
– Building Society		5,742.11
Duplicator at Cost less Depreciation		255.00
		$9,029.38
LIABILITIES:		
Accumulated Funds:	Nil	
Balance at 5th October, 1977		7,643.92
Plus Surplus for Period		1,385.46
		$9,029.38

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REFEREE'S APPOINTMENT BOARD

– Director W. MAHONEY

I have been a member of appointments board since 1973 and each year the number of available referees has decreased. This year was undoubtedly the worst on record. Some of the lower divisions were badly affected as were the small number of available referees left to control these fixtures.

The introduction of the Club Linesman Scheme helped to relieve the shortage but is still inadequate. There were several recruits from this source. Every effort must be made to encourage the retiring players to become referees.

To illustrate the difficulties confronting the appointment of Referees to fixtures for the 1978 season take a look at the pool of Referees available:

Class 1 Referees: 14 available to referee 1st Division
4 unavailable to referee at all

Class 2 Referees: 19 available to referee 2nd Division and do Div. 1 lines

Class 3 Referees: 17 available to referee 3rd Division and do Div. 2 lines

Of the referees above 11 are non-members of the Senior body but are on loan from the Junior Associations. 5 of the Class 1 Referees are available only on 1 day each week-end and 1 is unavailable on Saturday. Of the Class 2 & 3 Referees 25 were not available Saturdays and 3 were unavailable on Sundays. Another 6 were doubtful due to work commitments.

Saturday Fixtures required 12 grounds and 36 Referees. 28 were available. Sunday Fixtures required 18 grounds and 54 Referees. 51 were available. Of the above totals 28 Referees were available Saturdays and Sundays.

These statistics emphasise the critical situation the Appointments Board is in and of the almost impossible task of covering every fixture. Unless a remedy is found to increase the number of referees then drastic measures must be taken to cut down the size of our competitions.

I would like to thank Harold Hall and David Wright for their valuable contribution of time and effort to the appointment of Referees to as many of the fixtures as possible. The Board spent an average of 4 hours a fortnight on appointments Mr David Wright spent additional time in re-arranging any sudden referee cancellations.

It is pleasing to relate that rarely was the Board in complete agreement about appointments made. This fact, I feel sincerely culminated in the best possible appointments being made.

The 6 years I served on the Board were not always enjoyable but were full of experience. This is one of the less illustrious committees that is always taken for granted and invariably criticised for the appointments made. I only hope that all concerned will condiser the enormity of the work done by the Board in the interest and progress of the code.

In conclusion I would like to take this opportunity of extending my best wishes to all those people involved in Soccer's progress and hope all will have a successful new year in 1979,

THE BIRTH OF SOCCER FOOTBALL IN NEWCASTLE

by Sid Grant B.E.M.

CHAPTER 1

In the early 1880's Soccer was born in the North in the thriving coalmining centre of MINMI.

The game was previously started in Sydney in 1880.

The code was called British Association to distinguish it from the Aussie Rules then termed "Association Football". Rugger, or Rugby Union, was also played both in the North and in Sydney.

Soccer in those far distant days was conducted in a haphazard manner. For many seasons there were no regular fixture lists and advertised games were often cancelled at the last moment. It was not uncommon for spectators to arrive at a ground to find that a match had been abandoned because teams were short of players or the visitors had missed their connection at Newcastle or Hexham. Travel in this era was bugbear to those who worked to promote games.

In the metropolitis it was 1885 before the "Badge Match" series were inaugurated, so giving the code some form of stability. The term "Badge" was copied from other sports, cricket and tennis. It was 1886 before any attempt to organise a workable scheme in the North was made by a group of enthusiastic club officials.

Despite shortcomings there was always a zeal and devotion to promote the "round ball' game which had been imported from the British Isles.

Now back to Minmi – an aboriginal name for the large water-lily which was very common in this area. The birth of Soccer was sparked by the arrival of a four paged Scottish newspaper addressed to Mr Jack Winning, Post Office, Minmi, Australia, and posted in far away Cambusland in Scotland nearly six months before.

Winning was one of many Scots who migrated in the early 1880's to hew coal in one of J. & A. Brown's coal mines at Minmi. The wages were attractive but a majority soon regarded their location as an isolated spot with very few attractions. There was comradeship in the boarding house, long walks across virgin bushlands and "Kirk" on Sundays – just to meet other folk. Concerts and dancing appeared later.

For a certain group, it became a daily custom when the days toil ended to wend their way home for a bath and a real miner's meal and then to walk to the top of the School Hill. Here items of interest were discussed – mostly on how to get better working conditions. But it was different on one late Spring afternoon in 1884.

As the group walked along the winding main road, the Postmistress hailed Mr Winning with the news, "a newspaper from home for you".

Winning took possession and pushed it into his hip pocket.

The group stopped near where the stone school was being extended to meet the demands of a growing population. Several sat on a decaying tree trunk. When interviewed later at Kurri Kurri, Mr Winning said "sure, I remember the day – the departing sun left is crimson reflections on the western sky – a

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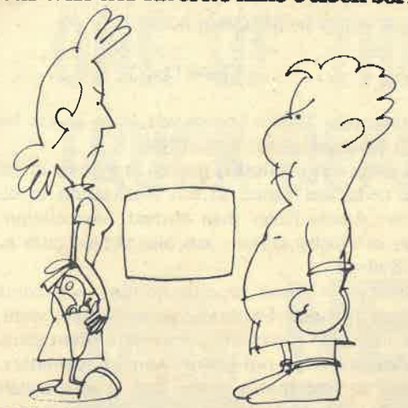

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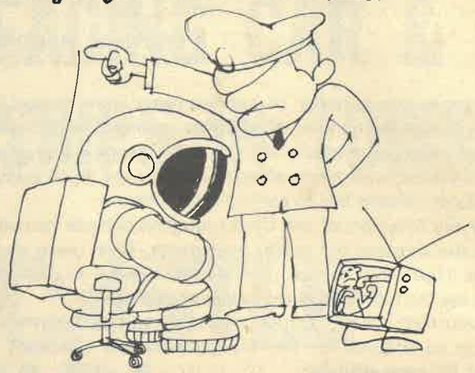

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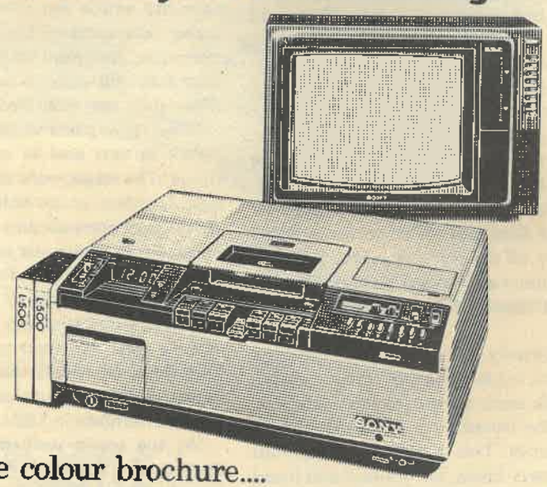

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scene really too beautiful to describe – but we as "new chooms" soon realised it would be a warmer day tomorrow. But is was cool underground, and we worked a full 8 hours bank-to-bank shift in those days."

The group comprised, beside Winning, Bob Frame, Charlie Kilpatrick, Bill McElroy, Jimmy McCroarie, Bill McCroarie, Jimmy Wilson and Andy Bryden. Another miner, whose name could not be remembered, joined the group later.

Prompted by a caustic remark by Bob Frame, I opened the Newspaper to share the news" said Mr Winning.

"All went well, till I struck a small paragraph about the Scottish Cup Final of 1884 between Queen's Park and Vale of Levan".

Mr Winning explained, "For a month we had scanned every inch of the papers for the result of the Queen's Park v. Vale of Levan Final. Soon our enquiries were answered when I read these words – The Vale of Levan XI did not appear to fulfil the final engagement against Queen's Park. The Scottish Football Association decided last night to award the trophy to Queen's Park and called upon the Vale of Levan officials to explain their conduct in holding the game up to ridicule".

"There was silence, till Kilpatrick said "fancy not playing the final. Minmi would have rushed the chance". "That started the fun" continued Winning, "in no time things moved quickly".

"Scones" McCroarie – a lovable character chipped in, "lets form a football club here to break the monotony, otherwise I'll leave for Sydney".

Soon suggestions came thick and fast and events moved like a raging bush-fire.

A deputation comprising Winning, Frame and Wilson saw the Colliery Clerk, Bill Richie, after work next day and explained the move. Richie, who was Australian born, listened intently and was soon won over as an enthusiast and promised to act as Secretary.

As the deputation moved off the small office verandah, the pit manager, Mr Gardiner, came out of the door and jokingly remarked, "what's the plot?" As soon as he was informed, he put his hand in his pocket and donated a sovereign and, at the same time, instructed Richie to give a similar donation from the cash box.

Next move was a brisk walk down to Gillon's shop – also a dour Scot – where three local balls were placed on order. Mr Gillon, with an eye to business, remarked "I'll order you six from Glasgow – proper nine piece balls."

As soon as Dame Rumour had the news – florins and half florins flowed in at a rapid rate.

Next night the club was officially formed with the following:–

President:	Mr Gardiner
Vice President:	Mr Brydon
Secretary:	Mr Richie
Treasurer:	Mr Stevenson
Ball Stewards	Messrs Winning & Frame
Umpire	Mr Will Stevenson
Colours	All white

It did not take long to obtain a suitable name. The former Glasgow Rangers player, Charlie Fitzpatrick, proposed the club be named "Minmi Rangers". All agreed.

A small committee comprising Messrs Winning, Frame, Wilson and Fitzpatrick selected Kelly's Paddock as the playing pitch.

Soon a volunteer working brigade assembled to remove two big gum trees and to clear scrub.

At one end, hundreds of barrow loads of clay had to be moved to spots where levelling was needed. As soon as the goal posts were erected, it looked like a football field and soon became one.

Notices were posted at both tunnel-tops. They were printed on large sheets of cardboard by Mr Richie.

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Bob Frame gave a vidid description of the paddock on the first afternoon. "Dozens flocked down – many to kick the ball but many to just have a peep at the new form of sport" he said.

Soon the younger players were separated from the older and more experienced players purely for safety sake.

One enthusiastic player, Peter Reed lived at Lambton and rode a horse to work daily. He informed the committee that there were half-a-dozen players in the Hamilton area waiting for a match. This gave Richie the idea of a match between two teams – South of Lambton and North of Lambton (Minmi).

Reid was a prime mover in staging this game. It is now recognised as the first soccer match in the North.

He secured permission to mark out a soccer field in the old Lambton Park, an area running adjacent to Elder Street. By this time, real balls had arrived from Glasgow. These imported articles soon became available in local stores. Goal posts were erected and the match was played.

Bill Stevenson – too old to play – was named as umpire.

The match attracted much public interest and 600 crowded around the arena.

Lambton Park was the Mecca for sporting events. Porridge eating competitions, dog coursing, handball and quoits all had their following. The offering of a game of football, according to British Rules, naturally drew a much larger crowd than was anticipated.

It has been difficult to pinpoint the exact line up but a personal check of seven participants agreed that the line up was as follows:–

North of Lambton (Minmi). White shirts

J. Winning, W. McCroarie, C. Fitzpatrick, D. Wilson, W. McElroy, J. McCroarie, G. Reid, R. Frame, J. Brigden, S. Mitchell, J. Laverty.

South of Lambton (Hamilton). Blue shirts

T. Discon, J. Gilchrist, C. Edggton, J. Bromley, L. Gibson, C. Aiken, A. Tood, J. Stevenson, M. Lambie, R. Jackson, G. Richardson.

Referee or field umpire: W. Stevenson

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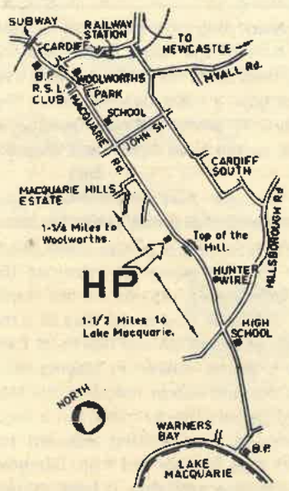

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The final scores were 2 all – a happy result for a happy occasion. George Reid, the only Lambton player in the 22, told the writer later "friendships were made that day that have lasted over the years". It also left pleasant memories but, little did we know, that we had a hand in the birth of British Association Football in the Newcastle area. I'm old now – a retired miner – but everytime I pass that spot in Lambton Park, I pause for a few seconds and lift my hat in memory of that great day. So Soccer in the North was born.

CHAPTER 2

The coal industry around Newcastle experienced rapid development in the late 1880's. There was a shortage of workers and many miners migrated from Scotland, England and Wales.

Pockets of football enthusiasts soon sprang up around the mine heads at Minmi, Hamilton, Burwood, Wallsend, Carrington, Stockton and Greta.

However, all soccer activities were limited to the pay weekend two Saturdays each month.

The year 1886 arrived before enthusisiasts could arrange any concrete form of competition. Isolation from Sydney was also a bar against extensive competition travelling.

A strong club was formed at Hamilton, where a group consisting of T. Dixon, R. Jackson, M. Lambie, J. Stevenson, R. Vardy, A. Currie, D. Liddle and P. Davidson soon had things moving in the right direction.

It will be noted that Lambie, Dixon, Currie and Stevenson had played in the inaugural game on Lambton Park. The Club's eyes turned in two directions :–

1. To Minmi for local challenge;
2. To Sydney for State honours.

The 1886 season opened on April 24th, when Granville visited Minmi. The match attracted more than 1000 and a silver coin collection totalled just over £25. Granville provided a solid test for the locals, who ran out winners, 3 to 2. The result produced much local enthusiasm and celebration. The teams were:–

Minmi Rangers

J. Winning, J. McCroarie, C. Fitzpatrick, W. Kirkwood, J. Gilchrist, J. Wilson, J. Curran, W. McElory, J. Laverty, W. McCroarie, J. Mitchell.

Granville

T. Heathcote, W. Baille, P. McAdams, P. Rae, J. Picken, R. Walker, J. Hotchkiss, A. Howieson, P. Adams, W. McDowall, J. Winters. Mr Stevenson was field umpire.

Minmi's victory caused general satisfaction because Granville was the winner of the Rainsford Trophy or State Cup.

A month later a start was made with the local competition or Badge Series.

The first match was at Minmi between the Rangers and Hamilton Athletic – a tense struggle won by Minmi, 3 to 1. J. Curran 2 and W. McCroarie netted for the locals while Stevenson added the visitors only goal. A crowd of 900 crowded the sidelines.

The return match at Hamilton was also won by Minmi by 2 to 1. Seeking greater honours, Minmi and Hamilton entered the State Cup. There was general disappointment when they were drawn against each other in the first round. Both had requested "away" ties on Sydney grounds.

To prepare for this tie, the Hamilton team visited Sydney on the holiday weekend for a 2 match project. Their first game ended in a 2-all draw against Prymont Rangers but their colours were lowered by the talented Caledonian XI to the tune of 6 to 1.

Back to the cup tie played at Hamilton when more than 2000 roared themselves hoarse as the teams were together at 1-all. Things reached a crescendo when Curran secured the winning goal with 5 minutes left. In a frantic finish Stevenson hit the cross bar in the last minute with goalie Winning knocked out. A newspaper report said "it was excitement supreme, as both teams played attractive football based on pure Scottish fundamentals. Such cup games must popularise the round ball code".

Minmi entered the cup semi-finals but was beaten by Granville 2–nil. Rough coastal weather caused the team to travel by train instead of boat. There was a long delay at the Hawkesbury River ferry and the team arrived at the ground only 10 minutes before the kick-off.

"Minmi Rangers gave a talented display of short accurate passing. After a scoreless first half, they tired in the dying moments and conceded 2 goals – but they were not disgraced" was the comment of one Sydney newspaper.

The bitterness of this defeat was somewhat lessened by the Rangers annexing the Gillis Cup. It was the first major trophy and presented by Mr J.C. Gillis, local member of the State Legislative Assembly. For years he was a keen supporter of the code.

Before the 1886 season ended, the membership of the Hamilton Club had increased so rapidly that the club officials advised a sizeable group of players to form a new club at Glebe where a suitable ground was available.

To help this project, Hamilton and Glebe played a friendly match in Redhead's Paddock won by the visitors by 3 to 1.

The outstanding player was the former Brechin City back, David Smart, who, for years, was a leading administrator in the North.

CHAPTER 3

MORE PROGRESS

During the summer, new clubs were formed at Greta (Bluebells), under the direction of Bob Arkbuckle Peter Bowling and Bill Stevenson. Jobs were available at the two Greta mines and a number of Newcastle players went north.

At Carrington more than 100 miners were placed at the Mosquito Island Colliery. Jack Bromley Arch Wilson and George Currie registered a club under the name of Carrington Blackwatch. The Greta Blackwatch was officially formed at Burwood at a meeting in May 1887 at Redhead's hotel. Officials in that centre were Bill Galloway (captain), John McLeary (Vice-captain), Dave Smart (Secretary), George Brown (Treasurer) and a committee of six.

A progressive move was the formation of a district committee of four – Smart, Richie, Bowling with Bromley (Secretary). It planned :–

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In the first competition match at Greta the locals beat Carrington by six-nil. More than 650 conregated in the local park. The local civic identity, Dr Walker, welcomed both teams before the kick-off.

The teams were:–

Greta Bluebells

H. Isles, F. Keenan, W. Clarke, W. Jones, N. O'Donnell, R. Arkbuckle, P. Bowling, Wm. Stevenson, S. Bevan, W. Simpson, R. Richardson.

Carrington Blackwatch

R. McQuinn, W. Keer, T. Lindsay, R. Smith, R. Blakely, A. Wilson, C. Gourlay, G. Glasgow, G. Currey, W. McNeal, J. Bromley.

Scorers were Stevenson (2), Bowling, Bevan, Simpson and Arkbuckle.

After a very promising start with the local Badge Series, Secretary Bromley was sent to Sydney to address the Sydney delegates. His visit was successful and the entry of Hamilton Athletic into the State Cup Series was accepted. He also secured the first representative match for the North to be played on the Queens Birthday – May 24 at Hamilton.

Minmi Rangers, because of travelling difficulties decided not to enter the State Cup.

The holiday clash proved successful as £51 was taken i collection boxes and the crowd was estimated at more than 2000. This income provided much needed help to the local association.

The teams were:–

Sydney (Blue)

A. Stephens, W. Baillie (C), T. Barrington, R. Walker, R. Hitchens, J. Picken, C.P. Stephens, J. Creig, D. Keer, P. Adams, F. West.

Newcastle (White)

T. Dixon, J. Wilson, (C), R. Jackson, J. Robson, D. Aitken, W. McElroy, W. McCroarie, J. Stevenson, J. Gibson, J. Laverty, W. Lambie.

The score at half-time was nil all, but Stevenson landed the vital goal near the end of an interesting tussle.

The local competition proved a cliff hanger and, at the end, Hamilton on 14 points and Minmi on 13.

The full table was:–

Club	P.	W.	L.	D.	GF	GA	PTS.
Hamilton Athletic	8	6	0	2	38	11	14
Minmi Rangers	8	5	0	3	24	11	13
Greta Bluebells	8	4	3	1	21	13	9
Carrington Blackwatch	8	2	6	0	9	42	4
Greta Blackwatch	8	0	8	0	7	23	0

The first double-figure score resulted when Hamilton beat Carrington by 12 to 2 in July. J. Stevenson netted 7 of these goals – a record which remained for many years.

The local knock-out series proved more popular than the Badge Series. First round results were:–

Minmi Rangers beat Greta Bluebells by 3 to 2; Hamilton Athletic beat Carrington Blackwatch by 1 to 0. In the final Minmi beat old rivals Hamilton 1 to 0, at Hamilton. More than 2000 saw a close and scientific tussle.

A report said "there were no beg-pardons from the kick-off. Unfortunately, there was a delay for 15 minutes in the second half as the ball burst. Another had to be secured to complete the game which, at that stage, was nil all. It was apparent that the Hamilton players eased off after half time, afraid of injury as their State Cup final was due in 14 days time."

In the State Cup series, Hamilton beat Pyrmont Rovers by 3 to 1, at Hamilton. In the semi-finals in Sydney they outed the favourites Pyrmont Rangers, 3 to 2. Goals by Stevenson (2) and Lambie did the trick. The Secretary, R. Jackson, persuaded the players to have special training for the Cup final, listed for the Sydney Agricultural Ground on August 27.

A group of local business and sporting folk opened a fund to send the team to Sydney on Friday to have a night's rest before the match. The opponents, Granville, were quoted at 4 to 1 favourites because they had won the two previous cup finals.

Granville's big three, Walker, Baillie and Picken, set out to rattle the methodical Northerners. But the Blues rose to the occasion with astute counter tactics which paid a dividend when Lambie beat five defenders to open the scoring.

Before Granville could recover, Currie, with a powerful burst, crashed a first timer past Nelson. Sorlie reduced the lead before the interval.

In the second half, Hamilton exercised their superior craft. The quick bursts and trickery of Stevenson and Crichton proved too much and further goals by Edggton and Stevenson made it 4–1 at the end. So the State Championship Trophy came to Newcastle for the first time.

It was after this match that the sagacious Scot, Stevenson, was given the nickname of "Jockey" by a Sydney Pressman. His report said – "The midget dribbler rode the ball with the skill of a jockey and was the real menace to Granville."

Years later, Stevenson was a successful business man in Kurri. He gave the handsome Stevenson Cup, the symbol of knock-out championship among coalfield clubs between 1922–1940.

At the height of all this Northern success in 1887, a new club was formed in Wallsend. Local fans had seen this new code played in nearby Minmi and Lambton. In this case the demand for the game had a more English background. And so the name ROVERS was taken from Blackburn Rovers, famous in those days for its cup exploits.

The inaugural meeting was held in the parlour of the Metropolitan Hotel and the first officials were:–

President: James Fletcher, jnr.; Vice Presidents: David Davids and George Stewart.

Little did that group of enthusiasts realise that from that humble beginning would arise one of the Commonwealth's best soccer clubs.

Thos. Mansfield remarked later – "We were lucky to complete the night's business as the gas lighting failed twice. When we posted notices at 4 centres next day, the response was just unbelievable. Support came from all quarters. My brother, Arthur, did much of the spade work. He soon enlisted five established players. Our colours were to be red and gold."

Before the season opened, the Greta Blackwatch disbanded and, in its place, grew Burwood United whose headquarters were near The Junction.

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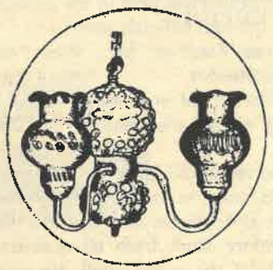

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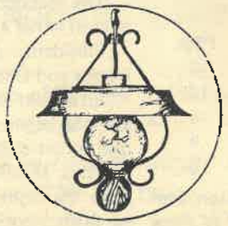

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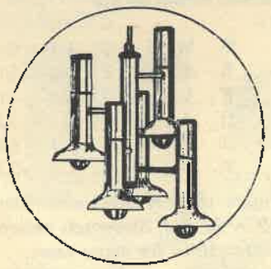

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pitch, Carrington decided not to enter.

Senior entrants for the 1888 season were: Burwood United, Greta Bluebells, Hamilton Athletic, Minmi Rangers and Wallsend Rovers.

A second club, Minmi Swifts, was formed with the aim of creating a second grade. This move was encouraged and only friendly games were permitted. The representative side of the code began to develop and this created greated public patronage.

Two Minmi Rangers' stars, Charlie Fitzpatrick (left back) and Bill McCroarie (left winger) played for N.S.W. v, Victoria in Sydney. These two players were the first State Players from the North.

Mainly because of the efforts of Thos. Mansfield, the Victorians came North to stage the first interstate game in the North. The match was played on Thursday August 21 on the Newcastle Cricket Ground. Despite the midweek fixture more than 1000 saw the visitors win a close game, 2 to 1.

The Newcastle XI was: J. Winning (Minmi), D. Smart (Burwood), A. Jackson (Hamilton), W. McElroy (Wallsend), G. Hunter (Burwood), M. Lambie (Hamilton), J. Stevenson (Hamilton), S. Miller (Wallsend), A. Charlesworth (Wallsend), R. Jackson (Hamilton), J. Eddgton (Hamilton), J. Curran (Minmi) was selected but withdrew because of a leg injury.

S. Miller scored Newcastle's only goal while Thos. Mansfield was umpire.

In the Badge series, Minmi Rangers were unbeaten. They dropped only one point for a 3—all draw at Greta.

Points at the end of the series were:

Minmi Rangers 15, Burwood United 10, Hamilton Athletic 8, Wallsend Rovers 5, Greta Bluebells 4.

In the knock-out series for the Ellis Cup, Minmi Rangers beat Burwood United, 3 to 1, at the Newcastle Cricket ground on September.

The teams were:—

Minmi Rangers:

J. Winning, J. McCroarie, Wilson, Kirkwood, Laverty, Kilpatrick, Curran, W. McCroarie, Mitchell, Spiers, Gillies.

Burwood United:

Wilson, Smart, Dunn, Hunter, Nesbitt, Lonery, Atkinson, Norton, Rice, Dunn, Cunningham.

The controlling officials were:—

President: J.C. Ellis M.L.A.
Chairman: J. Wilson
Secretary: R. Jackson
Treasurer: A. Pearson

Northern quests for State honours was not successful. Minmi was beaten by Caledonians while Hamilton fell to Caledonians in the semi-final after beating Pyrmont Rovers in the first round 3 to 2.

Before the 1889 season began, the Annual Report showed progress. Carrington reformed with a new home ground while a regular second grade competition was started to encourage local born players to take up the code.

In a 10 series competition the final points score table showed:— Minmi Rangers 17, Hamilton Athletic 14, Wallsend Rovers 12, Burwood United 10, Greta Bluebells 9, Carrington 3.

In the Ellis Cup Knock-Out Series, Wallsend won its first major trophy with a meritorious win against Minmi Rangers in the final. Wallsend in that match were :— D. Gilchrist, W. Miller, J. Gilchrist, J. Barker, A. Charlesworth, W. McElroy (C), S. Miller, W. Stein, A. Mansfield, J. Miller, W. Balty.

The Club's Secretary was Albert Manfield. Two outstanding players were Bill McElroy and S. Miller.

From the district angle, two new players from overseas, Peter Finlayson and John Rigley won plaudits for their skill. It should be recorded, too, that the Burwood umpire, H. Davis, won general praise and recognition for his efficient work in all games.

The Association officials in the year were:—

President: J. Richie (Minmi);
Treasurer: J. Bromley (Carrington);
Secretary: F. Gerrard (Hamilton).

The district committee held its first injuiry. It was into action of the Minmi players in leaving the field for 10 minutes in its match against Hamilton. This occurred late in the second half when the umpire awarded a goal to Lambie (Hamilton). At the banquet which followed the match, only five Minmi players attended.

The committee severely condemed the action of Minmi and declared it "very unsporting." Minmi later tendered an apology to Hamilton and the Association.

Three teams entered the Gardiner Cup — Minmi, Hamilton and Burwood. All were eliminated in the first round. Caledonians beat Hamilton 3—0; Joadji Creek (near Mittagong) beat Minmi 2—1; Parkgrove defeated Burwood 5—0.

When the Minmi players returned from their Mittagong trip they explained a nerve-wracking experience of having been lowered into the Joadji Valley by means of a flying fox — the driver increased speed greatly to unsettle the players. Winning said jokingly — "By jove he did unsettle us. We descended like birds and throught we would never see Minmi again."

Forward, Joe Spiers said — "The driver had a £2 bet on the locals and he certainly played his part in their great win."

Despite all this, Joadji had a strong team of ironworkers and won its way into the final to play a 2—all draw with Pyrmont Rangers. They lost the replay 1—0 after making two long trips to the capital.

The Sydney Morning Herald said — "they were worthy losers as the players tired badly in the second half."

The strong Caledonian XI came North for a brace of friendly games. They lost to Minmi by 6—1. "Scones" McCroarie netted a brilliant hat-trick.

At Hamilton the "Caleys" lost again, 3—2 when "Jockey" Stevenson netted 3 goals in 11 minutes.

Such results indicated that the club strength in Newcastle was now on par with the Sydney set-up. But, in the meantime, a new club sprang up in Newcastle. The formation of Adamstown was a major step forward. Three brothers (Scots) Peter, John and Alex Finlayson switched from Hamilton to sponsor the new club, which was called Rosebuds.

The inaugural President, Mr Tom Frith, also a local Councillor, was a powerful force. Sole right for the use of Adamstown Park was secured and the ground improved.

In the next season, 1890, a record number of seven clubs entered the Badge series.

Just as the stage was set for a bumper season, there was a major depression in the coal industry. The miners came out on strike in protest against the owners reducing wages. To meet

the position, the Badge Series was limited to seven matches. But the standard of play suffered as many players could not travel to matches. The final points table read:—

Burwood United	10 points
Greta Bluebells	8
Minmi Rangers	8
Hamilton Athletic	7
Carrington Blackwatch	7
Wallsend Rovers	6
Adamstown Rosebuds	3

To secure necessary finance it was decided to introduce a semi-final and final.

Greta Bluebells and Minmi Rangers (equal on 8 points) staged a play-off which produced a record club crowd of 2800 — including many rugger fans as that code's season ended the previous weekend.

However, Minmi won, 2—1, although a majority of the crowd barracked for the Greta players. In the final, another big crowd saw a close game which at times became very spiteful. It was nil all for 80 minutes when Cummack got the winner for Minmi. The teams in this final were:—

Minmi Rangers:

J. Winning, J. McCroarie, Waugh, Heuston, Kirkwood, Boyd, Curran, Mitchell, Caddis, Cummack, Laverty.

Burwood United:

Marshall, Bower, Smart, J. Dunne, Lambie, Briem, Davis, Campbell, Galloway, McMinimmy.

With the curtailment of the Badge series, the Ellis Cup took on a more important role. Eight cup ties were played. The sensation of the series was the 6—0 defeat of Hamilton Athletic by Greta Bluebells.

The semi-finals proved popular. Minmi beat Greta, 2—0 and Wallsend eliminated Adamstown by a similar score.

The bringing together of Minmi Rangers and Wallsend Rovers in the final stirred memories of the previous season's final. On September 6, with no rugger opposotion, the final drew 2200 fans to the Newcastle Cricket Ground which was in perfect condition following recent rains. The final turned out a close and pulstating struggle and in doubt to the end.

Curran scored first for Minmi but, before the cheers died down, Miller chalked up the equaliser for Wallsend. Equality remained till the last minute when a defensive error allowed Caddis to crash in the winner for Minmi.

Late in August, the Sydney Association granted permission for the Queensland team to break its journey home. it played a combined Newcastle XI in midweek at the Newcastle Cricket Ground when 600 fans saw the visitors give a polished exhibition to win, 4—0. The absence of Minmi players weakened the locals. However, officials knew that work was scarce in the mines that leave could not be asked by the players. Such a request was inviting dismissal.

The Newcastle XI were: D. Gilchrist, D. Smart, J. Gilchrist, J. Melville, M. Lambie, W. McElroy, W. Haddow, A. Creighton, S. Miller, Mitchell, McCinimmy.

In the Gardiner Cup series only two Northern teams entered. Draw at Newcastle, Minmi beat Greta by 2—1. Minmi were drawn on the South Coast and were beaten by Balgownie 2—1.

In the 1891 further decline in the coal trade had a marked effect on soccer. The closure of two mines in the Hamilton area caused the Hamilton Athletic Club to disband. Many of the players transferred to Carrington and Adamstown. Under the guidance of James and Bill Jackson and George Liddell, the Carrington Club made splendid progress and, for the first time in its history, won its way into the Ellis Cup Final.

Recession in the trade in Greta caused the famous Bluebell Club to fold up and disappear from the senior ranks for all time.

To be continued next issue. (Editor).

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Billy Morgan (Adamstown)
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Alex Cameron (Adamstown)
Peter Doyle (Adamstown)
Reg Date (Wallsend)
Johnny Doyle (Lake Macquarie)
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Jackie Drinkwater (Cessnock)
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Jack Foster (West Wallsend)
Keith "General" Grant (West Wallsend)
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Lou Hearne (Cessnock)
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Jock Hodge (West Wallsend)
J. "Pincher" Harris
Ben Hughes (West Wallsend))
Jack Hughes (West Wallsend)) All brothers (3)
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Alex Heaney (Wallsend)
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Ernie Kemp (Weston)
R. "Dickey" Kemp (Wallsend)
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Gavin "Massa" Russell (Adamstown)
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T. Sinclair (West Wallsend)
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W. Smith (West Wallsend)
W. Sterritt (Aberdare)
Peter Stone (Adamstown)
Brian Turner (New Lambton)
Jim "Skeeta" Wilkinson (Weston)
Hugh Workman
John Whitelaw (West Wallsend)
Harold Whitelaw (Wallsend, West Wallsend))
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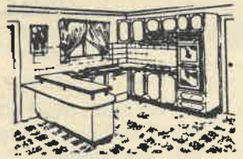

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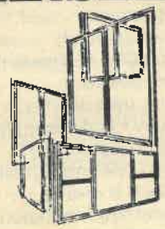

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JACK "DIGGER" EVANS

Photo by Jim Thomson

Jack stood 6'1", 14 stone, a fine speciman of a man and, wearing those famous brown Hotspur football boots, put fear into the hearts of many a winger.

Jack started his first grade career with Aberdare and represented his country many times.

It was always Jack's intention when the time came to retire, with his first love, Cessnock. This he did to end his playing days.

The manager of the 1937 English Amateur Team said that "Digger" Evans, Jack Bully Hughes Alf Quill, Jim McNabb and "Skeeta" Wilkinson would all be sensations in the Old Country if they were to make the trip and were the equal of any professional in England. A fine footballer, in a fine gentleman, many thanks for Jack from all your friends.

JIM OSBORNE

Photo by Jim Thomson

Jim Osborne was born overlooking the Crystal Palace and so it was only to be expected that Jimmy would stroll down the hill into the Crystal Palace, or as it was known, Johnson Paddock and Smartarse Swamp, for Jimmy's father, "Johnny" Osborne was a coalcarter who used to spell his horses in this paddock before the Wallsend Club purchased it from the Wallsend Coal Company for £3500 and eventually named it "Crystal Palace".

Jim entered top class football with the Wallsend Club in 1929. He was then 19 years of age. He transferred to Weston in 1930.

He returned to Wallsend for the 1931–32 season and like so many through the disastrous depression went to Sydney where he played for Granville from 1933 to 1935.

He joined the famous "Stovies" Club, Metters in 1936 and stayed there until he retired in 1946.

Jimmy represented Australia many times against overseas teams such as India, Palestine, New Caledonia, New Zealand and Bernard Joy's English Amateurs. He also played 17 times for N.S.W.

Jim has been described as the greatest left-half to play for Australia. Truly a great player, a greater gentleman. Many thanks Jimmy for the great pleasure you have to us all.

ALF QUILL

Photo by Jim Thomson.

Alf Quill was widely known and popular Soccer idol on all N.S.W. grounds for many seasons. Alf gained every honour the code had to offer, and over the years, served as a model for younger players for all that is sporting and upright in the code. Alf holds the record for the greatest number of goals in one season. 70 in all with only 12 teams in the competition. These goals were scored in only 22 matches.

There is no denying that Quill's influence helped mould Reg Date into the great footballer he was.

Alf can still be seen helping Newcastle United Youth team in the same way he has helped so many sides.

No finer player or gentlemen has the code seen. He is a great friend to all.

Many thanks Alf Quill for all those wonderful games you gave us all.

REG DATE

Photo by Jim Thomson.

The greatest shot with either foot the code has seen. It was common to see Reg shooting from 30 to 40 yards with the power of a rocket.

I once saw Reg score a Penalty at Crystal Palace, break the net and the ball travelled a further 20 yards and smashed a paling off the back fence, such was the power of his shot.

Reg Date holds jointly the Australian goals scoring records, scoring nine goals for Wallsend in their 14–0 win against Weston in 1943 at the Crystal Palace.

The famous Glasgow Rangers thought so highly of Date's shooting ability that if offered Reg a £4900 signing on fee to come to Scotland.

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Reg Date, Harold Wilkinson, Hedley Parkes, Spike Lonergan, and Bun Fenwick all gave great service to the famous Bolshies and were feared by all.

Reg Date the perfect footballer, a fine gentleman, a great sportsman. It has been a pleasure to have seen you in action and I, along with many people thank you for those past pleasures.

JIM "SKEETA" WILKINSON

Photo by Jim Thomson.

A most remarkable player who was, as his nickname suggests, a mere 5'3" and 9 stone. Jim was a menace to all those who opposed him. "Skeeta" represented his country many times, against Bernard Joy's English team, India, Palestine, China, New Zealand. He also represented N.S.W. on many occasions and also the North.

The 1937 English Amateurs sent glowing reports from Australia back to England about this "Skeeta" bloke that "Jim Wilkinson" was asked to return to England and turn professional.

Jim Wilkinson turned down the offer to stay with the Weston Club, where he has long been a favourite with the locals. Jim retired in 1947.

Many thanks "Skeeta" for all you have done for Soccer. He was, and is, a great ambassador for all that is good.

TOM GRIMSON

Tom Grimson is a product of Northern Soccer. He was born in West Wallsend. At the age of 19 he was signed by Wallsend and played for the Bolshies, as they were then known for two seasons before moving permanently to Sydney, where he was employed in the Taxation Office.

In transferring to Sydney he played with and captained St George.

Following one of soccer's many breakaways he joined the Canterbury-Bankstown Club to which a number of well-known Newcastle stars also later transferred.

After retiring as a player Tom continued as an official of the Canterbury Club which, at that time, produced an abundance of young local born stars. To this day he proudly asserts that to have played a part in producing youngsters such as Johnny Warren, John Watkins, Brian Smith, Barry Salisbury and Ron Corry, just to name a few, was his greatest achievement in Soccer.

Tom was a member of the Executive of the N.S.W. Federation for many years and when he stood down was N.S.W. President.

He has been the Treasurer of the Australian Soccer Federation since its formation and still holds that position.

He is the only one to have been made a Life Member of both the N.S.W. and Australian Soccer Federation.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER REFEREES FEDERATION

NORTHERN N.S.W. DIVISION

Billy Jones is perhaps the best known referee in Northern N.S.W. and has been the man in the middle for many overseas visits to Newcastle.

Teams include – Hitachi, Aberdeen, Farencveros, Fiji, Inter Bratislava, Jardine of Hong Kong. Bill has controlled all top class matches in Northern N.S.W. and has controlled over 490 first class matches, as well as Philips Soccer League matches, between his involvement in refereeing, Bill finds time in the summer to play cricket and for good measure, if you think you can play Tennis, so can Billy – A Grade.

Jim Reeves, one of the many fine young referees, can be seen each weekend officiating at Northern Soccer matches.

Jim also has been called on to control Philips Soccer League matches.

Besides soccer, Jim finds time to become involved in many community projects. Jim has been Captain of the Bushfire Brigade for 17 years. Progress Association, actively in Church Youth groups, also the Youth Committee of the Morriset R.S.L.

The Australian Soccer Referees' Federation, Northern N.S.W. Disision, is the Senior Referees' Association and controlling body of referees in N.N.S.W. It is affiliated to the Australian Soccer Referees Federation.

This body was formed in 1971 when it was decided that a senior referees' Association should be formed to control senior football. At the same time the Junior Council was formed to control all Junior Associations throughout N.N.S.W. The name of the Council has recently been changed so as to form an Australian Association, the New name being Australian Soccer Junior Referees Federation, Northern New South Wales Division. This body is affiliated to the Senior Division. There are 15 Junior referees association affiliated to the Junior Division with 388 affiliated members.

In the Newcastle area we have the following Associations:–

Australian Soccer Referees' Federation, Northern N.S.W. Division, Newcastle Branch, Macquarie Soccer Referees' Association, Protestant Churches Referees' Association, Cessnock-Maitland Referees' Association.

With the acute shortage of referees and lack of active members in the Senior Division, both Newcastle and Macquarie Associations supply Referees to the senior division each week to supplement their numbers.

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records do not show just when the Association was formed, although we do know that it is the original association in Northern N.S.W.

Macquarie Association was formed in 1969 as a break away organisation. This turned out to be the best thing out for the referees in the area.

The Protestant Churches Association was formed in 1976 to cover the Churches' competition fixtures when the other Associations were unable to supply sufficient referees for their competitions.

SOCCER REFEREEING IS GREAT

Yes, just as sure as a striker or a goalkeeper thrills when he scores a "picture" goal or turns a terrific drive over the bar, a referee thrills when the play is fast and exciting and he has to be on his toes throughout a keenly contested game to give instantaneous decisions and keep in full flight with the play.

The question if often asked "why so many chaps go on refereeing (the games most thankless task) in view of the torrents of criticism and abuse so often hurled at them?"

I can think of three cardinal reasons and I place them in this order:–

1. His great love of the soccer game
2. Realisation that the game cannot go on without referees
3. Keeping physically fit and assisting to provide the greatest of all football entertainment.

There are of course many other reasons, and in some instances they be personal, and I am afraid that where that personal angle come in and the referee in question continues to "Take" it, only a Psychiatrist could deduce his good reason for doing it.

The fact remains however, and I believe it to be indisputable, that any sportsman who continues to referee MUST love the game in which he participates.

Certain Qualifications are essential

Apart from quite obviously physical fitness required, other necessary qualifications are a good working knowledge of every law, a sense of positional anticipation, the ability to remain calm at all times, and never to loose ones temper and thus become confused.

And to most essential qualification is a keen sense of humour. Believe me that is really a necessity. That does seem rather an imposing

ALF RODWAY.

JOHN TATTERSALL.

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"Let me guess . . . Ace of spades.

list, and while like in some other occupation or sporting interests it often takes a few years of hard work and study to reach the top.

Australia, with many overseas countries have tried different methods of controlling games, and the majority have accepted the diagonal system.

Once a English International referee in a trial fixture used a Russian proposal that he operate just inside one touch line, with the two linesman controlling the other line, one in each half of the field, conclusions were, that while it was easier for the referee he had less movement to make, it also left many opportunities for players to indulge in doubtful tactics in the midfield.

Having two referees, one in each half of the field was tried in Newcastle during the latter part of 1978, and proved to be an outstanding success.

After many years of experimenting, no foolproof method of control has yet been discovered, and perhaps a deterrent to the "Perfect" system will always remain in the fact that a referee being human is apt to make mistakes which in turn tend to show up discripancies in the particular system which he is using.

Uniformity of interpretation concerning laws are the dreams of every examiner and inspector of referees.

The uniformity would also elimate differences of opinion between referees.

Despite the fixed laws of the game, and the interpretations under any system of control, the element of human control will always lead to controversy in the interpretations. By that it must be taken into account that intentional and unintentional happenings, advantage rules, and an "unsighted" referee all present problems of interpretation on which many referees may differ.

Each year sees older referees retire from active service and new referees required to replace them.

If you still don't believe there is great sport in refereeing soccer matches, I would suggest you talk to Bill Jones, Harold Hall, Bill Turner Alf Rodway, Jim Reeves, Jack Kidd or any top class referee you know.

So if you have just the basic qualifications referred to in this article, just contact the secretary of the referees association and you can be trained in the right way to become a good "Whistle".

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OUR YOUTH

Eric Worthington was attending his third National Youth (U/16) Championships in Hobart, 1975 when he asked me, "Why is it, do you think, that you get such good quality boys in your squads?"

It was a difficult question to answer. We had just played some magic football in the opening match of our campaign. Eric had seen us take out the championships in Brisbane in 1973 and then be third in 1974 in Perth. He couldn't help but be impressed by the quality of our youngsters so his question, though flattering was not unexpected.

I thought for a while. I was not then a particular admirer of the administration of our junior clubs. I knew they got results but also knew there were tremendous deficiencies in their organisation. Boys were not always graded so that the best players were in the so-called top team in any age group. The coaching was often done by somebody without qualification or even a soccer background.

My answer to Eric's question went much like this: "Eric, I can't think of a good reason except that there is a long tradition of soccer in the Hunter Valley. Most boys get strong competition from an early age and we always have plenty of talented players from whom to pick a squad."

Looking back now, I think I should have made one other point. In the Hunter Valley, particularly in Newcastle and the Coalfields, soccer is often the No. 1 sport in schools. There are school sport zones where soccer is the only winter code, so we always get first choice of the youngsters in any age group in those areas. This is a bigger factor than most people appreciate. In Sydney, Melbourne and other major cities soccer may get third or fourth choice in many cases. It is only the large populations of these cities that allow other states to compete with Northern N.S.W. on any reasonable basis.

I am not one of those who believe that schools do a lot for the code. As a teacher I know how heavily schools depend on junior clubs to produce the footballers that represent primary and secondary schools. Without the influence of the Saturday morning competitions many schools would not field a side. It is from the junior clubs that pressure comes to have soccer played at all.

It ia from the boys who play on Saturday mornings that the best school sides are picked. If there are areas round Newcastle where soccer is the only winter sport for boys it is because those schools happen to be in areas where most boys play soccer at the weekend. In my experience at Boolaroo the best co-ordinated lads play soccer. Those who can't hold their own, play another less popular game where competition is not so intense. There are exceptions but that is the general rule.

But all this may be changing. It seems that other soccer strongholds may be springing up around the nation. Areas which were previously unknown as soccer centres are producing young footballers who are only very slightly inferior to the best we can turn out. These boys are springing up from Springwood, blossoming in Orange and materialising in Maryborough. It isn't going to be easy for the state of Northern N.S.W. to maintain prestige established in the 1920's and 30's and highlighted with the appearance of players like Reg Date, Col Curran and Ray Baartz. The one way in which we can keep an edge is through better coaching.

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DENNIS KING (Cessnock and Weston) is 20 this year and a key player for the Bears. Has been a midfielder since touring with the Youth squad to Perth in 1974. Dennis is a grafter with tiger in his tackling and a fine shot which he can unleash in less time than most players need. If players are measured by their effect on a game, Dennis made his claim to fame when he absolutely dominated the Weston/Edgeworth Grand Final at Crystal Palace in 1977. He has a bright future because he is such a great listener.

JOE SENKALSKI (Adamstown and Sydney Olympic) was the wonder boy of Northern soccer from 1972 until the Grand Final of 1976 in which he was the instrument of Adamstown's triumph. If Joe made one false move in that match it is forgotten. He took the goals that he had threatened to take in a previous grand Final encounter. Had Joe gone to Europe, say to Poland instead of Britain, back in 1974, he might well have been a top professional by this time. His is the European style or the Continental style to be more precise. He still has a splendid future as a potential Socceroo but he might have realised his undoubted potential earlier. Joe rates with Col Curran and Ray Baartz as a top junior product of the North.

LLOYD HARDES (Wallsend, Western Suburbs, Newcastle KB United) was a midfield partner of Dennis King in Perth, 1974. He can best be described as a player with a lot of dash. He relies on his speed and positioning.

The latter something he learned from Ray Lloyd to worry the opposition. Lloyd likes to make his run down the right flank but he does this as an attacking midfielder. Lloyd can also be used as a destroyer, purely as a marker and tackler. He is not a noted goal scorer but does cause defences a lot of worry with his probing runs.

BRETT COWBURN (Toronto-Awab) is recognised as one of the best in his age group in Australia. He was born in 1959. He is essentially a midfielder but can be used in any field position. He has skill on the ball, can beat a man, shoots well and distributes the ball superbly. He is a complete footballer who wins more of the ball than most players through guile and determination. Brett's biggest moments have been as a N.N.S.W. representative in the two Coca-Cola Youth Championships played. He was outstanding in both tournaments. Unfortunately for soccer enthusiasts (and above all, himself) Brett has no ambitions about playing P.S.L. football. He regards his job security as paramount. As an apprentice engineer in the Awaba State Mine he has something to work for. With his employment as his main object he is happy to continue playing with Toronto-Awaba.

MALCOLM McCLELAND (Lake Macquarie and Adamstown) was a star in the N.N.S.W. Under 16 Squad which won the National Championships in 1976, He likes to play in midfield but it is arguable that he could star in defence. He is one of the best jumpers for the ball in the North, his spring and timing, winning everything in the air. He is not really at home as an attacker but does score his share of goals. He was chosen to represent Australian Schoolboys on their tour of the U.S. in 1978, following a good Coca-Cola tournament in Queensland. Malcolm spent some months with Aston Villa at the end of 1976. This experience put some polish on him and he returned to Australia a ready-made first grader at the age of 16.

PETER TREDINNICK (Lake Macquarie and Newcastle KB United) has been a full first grader since he was 15. He was named player of the tournament at the Under 16 National Championships, 1976. Like Joe Senkalski he spent some months at Middlesbrough where he enjoyed the company of Craig Johnston. Peter is a left winger by choice but is naturally right-footed. Like Brett Cowburn, he was selected in the Australian Youth Squad for the Coca-Cola World Youth Championships. His main asset is his ability to run at a defender and beat him. He has cultivated his left foot particularly to cut a ball back from the line either along the ground or as a chip into space. He is not a strong tackler or header of the ball but has had some experience as midfielder.

MICHAEL BOOGAARD (Lake Macquarie and Newcastle KB United) is a no-nonsense defender who tackles hard and uses the ball simply. He is ideally suited to the front stopper position because of his height and his heading ability. Michael was chosen to tour the U.S. with the Australian Schoolboys after a good tournament for N N.S.W. in the Coca-Cola National Championships, 1978. Like Malcolm McClelland he is still at high school and playing a prominent part for the Tasman Cup side. Given normal luck he will be a regular with Newcastle United in the next season or so.

GRAHAM JENNINGS (Adamstown) another of the North's three representatives in the Australian Youth team for the Coca-Cola World Youth Championships. Graham is 18 this year. He is a

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left winger who is 'all left foot." He can worry any defence when he is hot (that is all the time) with a coach who knows and understands him. He knows exactly where the goals are and can combine his ball skills with a dazzling turn of speed, and potentially devestating combination. Graham toured West Germany in 1976 and emerged as the leading goalscorer in a side which scored a good many. He is big and strong but does not have to rely on his size. His skill makes that unnecessary.

GEORGE NIZNIK (Maitland) Newcastle KB Youth Squad. From the age of 14 George has been a regular first grader. He starred in representative sides at State and National level then and later. His game is based on intelligent one-touch football which requires other players about him disposed to play that way. In addition he is grafter who can win a lot of ball and who knows where the goals are. George's versatility is his great asset. If he is required to commit himself to defensive midfield play he does it well. If he is given an attacking role he can handle that too. His career is at the crossroads right now. Much will depend on the quality of players and coaches he works with.

CRAIG JOHNSTON (Lake Macquarie) Middlesbrough (Eng.) Craig is one of the three best products of Northern Soccer during the past 10 years. It would seem that he will go further than Joe Senkalski or Dennis King because he has established himself at Middlesbrough. He has the extremely rare quality of finding extra pace even when he is flat out. He can win a ball that other players would not consider worth trying for. He can work in less space than most and it is usually enough. As a junior he showed the same qualities he is exhibiting now at a much higher level, a high work rate, flair and skill, the ability to score goals, the tiger to fight for a fifty-fifty ball. In the air he is supreme. Certainly a fine product of Northern football.

HOW CAN WE FORGET

From the time soccer began in Newcastle, we have had those dedicated men and women who, in their own way, have worked so tirelessly for their clubs. Their loyalties were unshaken. The ones I'm thinking about are the committeewomen unseen hard working cog – every club has.

You know them and I know them, the men and women who would pay their 2/6 to become a member of a club and then do all the hard work, preparing the ground for the coming season, the men who would cut the grass with their qualcasts and scythe blades, help to mark the ground, keep the old Boston football (the best) in good order, mend the fences, man the gates and the women who would look after the canteens, run the raffles, anything to make a quid for the boys in their favourite club. Yes, the unnoticed, unthought of people.

You know them – I know them, men like the Tysons, Lovetts, Neals, Herds, Davises, Bromleys, Gregorys, Sneddons, Craigs, Herberts etc. And so one could go on and on.

How can we forget?

We had the old familar faces that, wanted the best for their team and made sure that their club was going to be the best.

You remember we all had our No. 1 barracker, that voice that would outshout all others – where is he now?

Of course, we did not have the motor car in the ground in those days. Everyone arrived at the ground by foot, bus or tram. And how they arrived!

You remember how around 4 o'clock in the evening of the match, Mum, would give that old coal fire a stoke or two, and then the chimneys would start putting out that smoke screen, (which we now call pollution) which invariably would descend down over the ground.

"How can we Forget!"

How those who could not afford the one shilling admittance fee would stand on their bicycles and look over the fence to give their support to the home team. Do you remember the Goalkeepers who would take their tobacco and matches on the field with them?

The Referees who used to referee in sandshoes – Charlie Nix and Wally McKenzie to name a couple.

Charlie Nix once, whilst officiating, had cause to admonish his brother-in-law, saying "brother-in-law or not, next time you're off, Lucky."

Wally McKenzie would ride his bike to Kurri and Weston Homestead grounds to make sure the game went on.

"Oh yes -- How can we Forget!"

How I remember being given six pence to go to the pictures. Instead being a smart operator, up through the canal, squeeze through a hole in the fence, and then give the visiting goalkeepers, Billy Morgan, Jimmy McNabb, a bit of tongue.

And then we had the terror of referees, those club supporters who would stand at the players' entrance to the field, and tell the referees where they went wrong, and what he should do with his whistle.

The "old drunk" who managed to turn up to each game the worse for wear, and would somehow get clocked before the game was over.

After the game – up to the local for the 6 o'clock swill, to lubricate the old throat and take home a few "Dobells" or "Tom Thomas" or "Eastlakes" Pies.

Oh, yes, all clubs managed to have two well dressed ball boys, who took pride in running the line for their club. They were envied by all boys, who just waited for the opportunity to take their places.

We had the familiar Ladies faces at the ground, ladies like the Nelsons, Youngs, Whites, Englands, Fryers, Waddingham, Geratys, Min Buckley etc. etc. We wonder if any players have ever said "thanks ladies."

"Oh yes, How can we Forget."

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1886	Minmi Rangers
1887	Minmi Rangers
1888	Minmi Rangers
1889	Minmi Rangers
1890	Burwood United
1891	Minmi Rangers (undefeated)
1882	Minmi Rangers (undefeated)
1893	Minmi Rangers (undefeated)
1894	Adamstown
1895	Adamstown (undefeated)
1896	Adamstown
1897	West Wallsend Bluebells
1898	West Wallsend Bluebells
1899	West Wallsend Bluebells (undefeated)
1900	Wallsend Rovers
1901	West Wallsend Bluebells
1902	West Wallsend Bluebells
1903	Wallsend Rovers
1904	West Wallsend Bluebells
1905	Adamstown Rosebuds (undefeated)
1906	Adamstown Rosebuds (undefeated)

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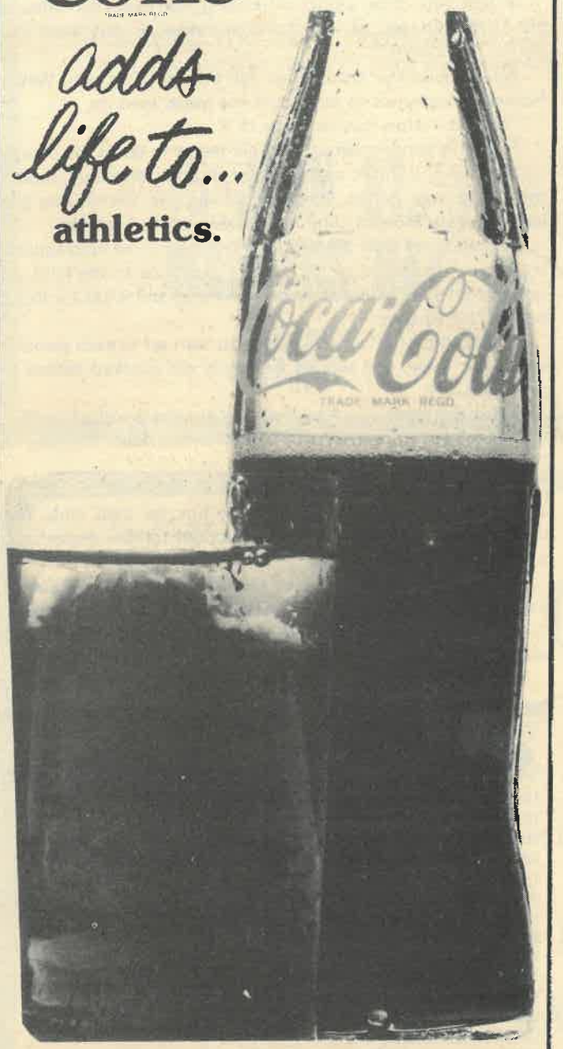

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1914 Merewether Advance (undefeated)
1915 Merewether Advance
1916 Weston
1917 Weston Albions and West Wallsend
1918 Weston
1919 West Wallsend Bluebells
1920 West Wallsend Bluebells
1921 West Wallsend Bluebells
1922 Wallsend Rovers
1923 Wallsend Rovers
1924 Wallsend Rovers and Cessnock
1925 West Wallsend Bluebells
1926 West Wallsend Bluebells
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1932 Wallsend	Concord
1933 Wallsend	St George
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1935 Adamstown	Metters
1936 Weston	Goodyear
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1938 Goodyear	Metters
1939 Goodyear	Wallsend
1940 Metters	Wallsend
1941 Metters	Wallsend
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Breakaway formed in 1943	
1943 Wallsend	Leichhardt Annandale
1944 Metters	Wallsend
1945 Canterbury Bankstown	Wallsend
1946 Leichhardt Annandale	West Wallsend
1947 Lake Macquarie	Leichhardt Annandale
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1949 Leichhardt Annandale	Wallsend
1950 Leichhardt Annandale	Granville
1951 Wallsend	Granville
1952 Granville	Wallsend
1953 Wallsend	Auburn
1954 Cessnock	Auburn
1955 Cessnock	West Wallsend
Breakaway formed in 1956	

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PREMIERSHIP WINNERS

1956 Cessnock
1957 Wallsend
1958 Cessnock
1959 Wallsend
1960 Cessnock
1961 Wallsend & Awaba joint winners
1962 Adamstown
1963 Wallsend and West Wallsend joint winners
1964 Lake Macquarie
1965 Wallsend
1966 Adamstown
1967 Newcastle Australs
1968 Adamstown
1969 Hamilton Azzuri
1970 Adamstown
1971 Weston
1972 Weston
1973 Weston
1974 New Lambton
1975 Adamstown
1976 Adamstown
1977 Weston
1978 Edgeworth (undefeated)
1979
1980

FIRST DIVISION

GRAND FINAL WINNERS (Breakaway formed in 1956)

1956 Cessnock
1957 Wallsend
1958 Cessnock
1959 Wallsend
1960 Cessnock
1961 Adamstown
1962 Lake Macquarie
1963 Awaba
1964 Lake Macquarie
1965 Awaba
1966 Adamstown
1967 Lake Macquarie
1968 Adamstown
1969 Newcastle Austral
1970 Belmont Swansea
1971 Weston
1972 Weston
1973 Weston
1974 Weston
1975 Adamstown
1976 Adamstown
1977 Weston
1978 Edgeworth
1979
1980

SECOND DIVISION PREMIERS

1961 Merewether
1962 Maitland
1963 Mayfield
1964 Weston
1965 Hamilton Azzuri
1966 Belmont Swansea
1967 New Lambton South
1968 Cardiff
1969 Maitland
1970 Maitland
1971 New Lambton
1972 Mayfield
1973 Edgeworth
1974 Charlestown United
1975 Maitland
1976 Central Coast
1977 Cessnock City
1978 Belmont Seansea (undefeated)

THIRD DIVISION PREMIERS

1975 Stewart & Lloyds
1976 University
1977 Gosford Rangers
1978 Doyalson-Wyee R.S.L.

THIRD DIVISION GRAND FINAL

1975 University
1976 University
1977 Gosford Rangers
1978 Kurri Kurri

FOURTH DIVISION PREMIERS

1976 Gosford Rangers
1977 Swansea Workers Club
1978 Newcastle Olympic

FOURTH DIVISION GRAND FINALS

1976 Gosford Rangers
1977 Swansea Workers Club
1978 Wallsend United

FIFTH DIVISION PREMIERS

1978 Charlestown Hotspurs

FIFTH DIVISION GRAND FINAL

1978 Shortland R.S.L.

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SCHOOL SOCCER – Bill Turner

The 1978 school year has been history making in several ways. The first ever overseas tour by an Australian Schools Soccer team, perhaps heads the outstanding achievements of the schools organisations.

Following the disappointment and humiliation of the November 1975 fiasco when the proposed tour of England, Wales, Scotland and West Germany was cancelled the Australian Schools Soccer Federation was really down on its knees.

However the small band of dedicated teachers under the leadership of Bob Quimby of Sydney refused to quit.

They picked up the broken pieces and steadily worked towards another goal, a tour of the West Coast of Canada and America.

Bob Quimby took long service leave and visited the North Americans and bit by bit the pieces fell into place. They said "come". Then the action started.

SPONSORSHIP

Over 300 letters seeking sponsorship failed. Firms offering sponsorship naturally wanted value for their dollar so if the team was in Canada and America there was little likelihood of getting that value. Only ADIDAS the internationally famous sporting goods came to the aid of the A.S.S.F. They completely outfitted the 20 members in tracksuits and two playing strips and also gave a good size cash grant.

The Federal Government had allocated $13,000 towards the tour and so the balance was left to be found. Bobby McLachlan of Melbourne had been elected coach and he, after much fact finding, finally selected the squad in Brisbane following the A.S.F. tournament.

And right from that moment, it appeared to us, that some people were determined to upset or destroy our plans. I don't intend to go into details, but our biggest antagomists seemed to come from long standing Soccer identities and from sports officials of certain states.

Most Clubs and Schools Help

But the A.S.F. Weathered the storm pretty well. Soccer Clubs donated the blazer and slacks for the players, (the officials didn't have clubs) while some schools were quite generous to their representatives. Booragul High School Social Committee for example put on a social evening which raised several hundred dollars for Malcolm McClelland, Michael Boogaard and me. Others were not quite so lucky. One boy who was the sole representative of his state had to rely on his father to find all the money to cover his levy.

COMBINED HIGH SCHOOLS AUSTRALIAN TEAM TOURED AMERICA 1978

Back Row: (L to R) Malcolm McClelland (N.N.S.W.) Peter Katholas (N.S.W.), Charlie Yankos (Vic.), Eddie Krncevic (Vic.), Tony Pezzano (N.S.W.), Greg Woodhouse (N.S.W.), Mike Milovanovic (A.C.T.), Michael Boggaard (N.N.S.W.), Peter Raskopoulos (N.S.W.), John Spanos (W.A.), Tommy O'Hallouran (Vic.) Front Row: (L to R) Bill Turner (N.N.S W.) Tour Leader, Arthur Sharp (W.A.), Ian Hunter, (N.S.W.), George Christopoulos (Vic.), Bobby McLachlan (Vic.) Coach, Danny Moulis (A.C.T.), Paul Iannace (S.A.), Paul Kay (N.S.W.), Jack Dodd (N.S.W.) Manager.

Finance prevented the team from meeting and having one single training run before leaving on the tour. Their first run together was the morning after we arrived in Vancouver.

The final amount needed to cover our expenses was granted to us by the A.S.F. at their meeting in Sydney.

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I supplied Mr LeFerve with our budget and they graciously made up the balance we required, which took a great burden off our shoulders.

I must say here that I am very much indebted to those individuals, firms, clubs and associations who so generously contributed to our tour fund. Every member of our squad was most grateful.

But what of the tour?

It WAS a success. All members of the touring party gained much from the experience, both on the field and off. Rubbing shoulders with the giants of world soccer who now play in the North American Soccer League must have some effect.

Meeting top administrators in countries like Canada and America can only be to our advantage. Paving the way further and future international exchanges amongst the countries on the "Pacific Rim" must have some merit.

SOME OPPOSITION

I know our tour was opposed, even here in the North. Some posed the question: WHY spend so much money on so few? Why not spend the money on bringing top class coaches to Australia? And so on.

However, looking at it squarely, the money would never have been raised at all, except for the tour – so money you don't have could harly be used elsewhere . . . and . . . should the seeds sown while on tour bear fruit in the future, I would leave that to be the justification of the effort and expense.

Briefly let me add these comments, the N.A.S.L. provides excellent professional football without doubt. I do believe our junior standard is a little higher than theirs but they are moving rapidly and learning fast. Junior Associations in Vancouver British Columbia, Canada, Seattle, Washington State, U.S.A. San Francisco, Northern California, U.S.A. all sought information about sending teams to Australia. I lost no time in recommending associations in Northern N.S.W. I hope I did the right thing.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

The Australian Schools C.B.C. Bank Championships were held once again in Newcastle when Queensland felt they needed another year to prepare.

The C.B.C. Bank granted us $2000 sponsorship which assisted us greatly. Regional Manager, Mr John Gynther was delighted with the overall programme and has fully endorsed his company continuing or increasing their sponsorhsip in 1979.

Northern N.S.W. coached by Phil Murray of the Jesmond High and managed by Geoff Stone of Maitland High caused a major upset by beating the powerful Victorian side 2–1 in the final at Macquarie Field, Speers Point.

Malcolm McClelland of Booragul High won the "Player of the Tournament" award while Northern N.S.W. goalkeeper Peter Schacht of Kotara High was awarded the "Player of the Final" trophy.

Despite objections still coming in about Northern N.S.W. being included in the schools championships they have fully justified their inclusion by winning the title twice, being runner-up once and finishing third once in their four years of existence.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

In the N.S.W. Department of Education there are eleven regions. Each region sent a team to contest the championships, this year in Tamworth.

The final was between South Coast and Hunter. South Coast won the final by the odd goal. The series was almost cancelled because of heavy rain.

TASMAN CUP

The 1978 season saw a record 256 schools enter the Tasman Cup series.

Canterbury Boys High were defending the title they won last year when they nudged out Whitebridge on corner kicks.

Northern schools are finding the going tougher these days against the boys schools of Sydney.

For the first time in memory a Northern Rivers School from outside Lismore reached round five. Murwillumbah did very well to become top school from the North Coast – they eventually lost to Waratah.

Tamworth became the Premier school in the North West but they too, fell to Waratah.

Kotara reached round 4 where they lost 1–2 to Jannali.

Wyong beat Woy Woy 2–1 to become senior school on the Central Coast but lost by the same score to Manly.

Last year's finalist Whitebridge dropped out in their very first game this year losing to West Wallsend 2–1.

The final played at Englefield Stadium Dural was won by Normanhurst Boys High which defeated Canterbury 1–0 in extra time.

Booragul finished fourth losing to Jannali 4–2 in the play off for the Adamstown Rosebud's shield. The "Newcastle Austral" trophy was won by Robert Wheatley of Normanhurst.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

In Primary Schools "Umbro International Shield" no Northern team reached the semi finals.

It is believed to be the first time no Newcastle School has missed the semi finals.

Clemton 2 defeated Toongabbie 1 in the final.

The Norths most successful schools were Kotara South which lost 1–3 to Clemton and New Lambton which went down to Drummond Memorial 2–5, both in quarter finals.

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FIRST DIVISION 1978 CHAMPIONS – EDGEWORTH

Edgeworth joins the elite of Northern soccer by going through the season undefeated. Edgeworth not only won the BP pre-season competition, but collected their first Rothmans Premiership and Grand Final, truly a magnificent effort. Edgeworth last was defeated in the 1977 Grand Final by Weston 1 nil. Above: Edgeworth 1978 First Grade Soccer team and Committee. (Back from left) V. Knight (Manager), T. Milgate (Secretary), Dean Smith, David Kamasz, Peter Kemp, Peter Newton, Chris Beattie, Stuart Kamasz, Grant Storey, Jack Routledge, Dave Williams (Masseur), J. Hudson (President), N. Kaiser (Treasurer). (Front from left) Geoff Payton, Kevin Riley, Peter Irving (Coach), Fred Musilak, Alan Parkinson, Warren Anderson, Peter "Polly" Griffiths, Jim McBreen.

One of the proudest men in the North was Tommy Milgate after Edgeworth had won the 1978 Grand Final at Crystal Palace. Congratulations Edgeworth – Tommy Milgate, Edgeworth's "live wire" Secretary. Always has a smile and a happy word for everyone.

1978 GRAND FINAL TEAMS

FIRST DIVISION – FIRST GRADE

Edgeworth 2	Weston 0
Referee: J. Tattersall	
F. Musialik	R. Lasance
W. Anderson	M. Davies
D. Smith	D. Stoker
P. Griffiths	T. Snedden
C. Beatty	D. Thompson
J. Routhledge 1	G. Morton
J. McBreen 1	D. King
K. Riley	C. Harper
P. Kamasz	John B. Turnbull
A. Parkinson	Jack T. Turnbull
G. Payton	John J. Turnbull

MOMENT OF GLORY AS THE EAGLES SOAR
A moment of triumph for the Edgeworth Eagles as Alan Parkinson (captain) and Peter Irving (player coach) accept the winners trophy from 1978 Soccer Princess, Jan Lasance at the conclusion of the First Division soccer grand final.

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2ND DIVISION CHAMPIONS 1978
BELMONT SWANSEA SOCCER CLUB

Sid Smith the very popular Belmont-Swansea Secretary. Sid reckons the Swans will give the first division a shake in 1979. Good Luck Belmont-Swansea.

Alan Johns – Belmont-Swansea coach.

At the 1962 Annual General Meeting of Blacksmith Rangers Soccer Club the decision was made to alter the club name to Belmont-Swansea Soccer Club. It was felt that as the club was the only senior club in the area, this new name linked the club with the whole area rather than the village of Blacksmiths

In 1966, John Pettigrew, who had played for Australia in the Melbourne Olympics, joined the club as player-coach. The direct result of this association was that the club gained promotion from second division to first division in 1967.

The club won several pre-season competitions and in 1970, were N.N.S.W.'s first division grand final winners, defeating Adamstown Rosebuds at Macquarie Field. This victory, whilst most welcome, cost the club dearly, both financially and in the loss of players to more affluent clubs in the next season.

During the next few years the committee tried to put the club on a sound financial footing while endeavouring to hold a position in first division. In 1975, however, the first grade side was placed third last in the very year that the competition was to be reduced from 14 to 12 teams. With the promotion of the second division side this meant Belmont Swansea along with two other clubs were relegated to second division.

In the 1976 competition the club's first grade side was second on the points table behind Central Coast, while the reserve and third grade sides were both minor premiers. In 1977, the first grade side were again second on the points table to Cessnock, but defeated that club in the semi-final and grand final.

In the off season between 1977–78 several players previously lost to other clubs rejoined Belmont-Swansea and one of the best young defenders in the district joined us from Charlestown Club. To top off these gains the club regained the services of Alan Johns as coach. Alan, like John Pettigrew, played his early football with Cessnock and had previously coached Belmont-Swansea in first division.

Alan's touch, energetic approach to coaching coupled with a young (average age 22.5) skilful squad enabled the club's first grade side to win the competition undefeated and gain promotion to first division once again. Club strength can be gauged by the fact that the second and third grade sides both were second in their competitions.

The directors, committee and players look to 1979 and future years with confidence. The club is in a sound financial position, has a large energetic committee and the players get along well together both on and off the field.

The two youngest players in the first grade squad and two we expect to do well in first division are:–

Derek Michael "Whacka" Bull, aged 20 – Derek plays centre back and joined Belmont-Swansea from Charlestown this year. He began his junior football at U/7 with Warners Bay Junior Soccer Club, in that year his team were undefeated premiers. In 1966 he represented Lake Macquarie in U/8's and won the Country and State Championships. Derek joined Charlestown in 1974 and while with that club in 1975 was selected in the N.N.S.W. Combined High School side. He played with the Warners Bay Tasman Cup side in 1973–74 and captained the side in that last year. In 1977 he played in the Newcastle University team and was selected in the Australian University side. Derek is a strong tenacious defender and should improve in first division football.

Ken Rutledge, aged 16 – Ken was born in Sydney but played his early football (U/7, 8 and U/9) with Swansea. He changed junior clubs several times and in U/15 and U/19 was coached by the great Rale Rasic while with the Marconi Club.

Ken represented Lake Macquarie in U/10, 11, 12 13 and U/14, N.S.W. Primary Schools U/12, N.N.S.W. U/10, 11, 13 and 14 and Australia U/13 and U/14. This year he is a member of the N.N.S.W. U/16 team. Ken plays inside forward or midfield and is a particularly fine player on the ball and possesses a great shot.

Belmont-Swansea United last year approached other local clubs in an effort to form a new club, using the existing clubs as nurseries to supply players to what could be a top first division club. While talks have only reached a preliminary stage we still have great hopes that this aim can be achieved in the near future.

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3RD DIVISION

Joy and elation show on the faces of these members of the Doyalson Wyee R.S.L. team and officials. Doyalson had just won the N.B.N. Television Cup against Swansea Workers at Macquarie Field Speers Point. Ron Giles former Australian International who coached Doyalson R.S.L. to success in the 1978 Premiership in 3rd Division. Some of the well knows in Doyalson team included, Geoff Finch, Terry Brown, Bruce White, Gerry Pinches. Doyalson will be watched with interest in the 1979 second division.

4TH DIVISION
Olympic, Olympic, Olympic

Newcastle Olympic Soccer Club was first formed in 1976. Its foundations were laid when a group of young Greek-Australians began to form a club. At that time many were either not playing or playing with other clubs.

The club entered the Northern N.S.W. fourth division in its inaugural year (1976) and acquitted itself well. Slowly players of Greek descent, as well as others of various ethnic backgrounds, joined the club.

In its second year, Olympic built up its player strength. It was coached by the former Austral stalwart Ken Twiddle and had amongst its ranks one of Australia's greatest post-war forwards, Bruce Morror. The club narrowly missed a semi-final placing but many of its players had matured enough to expect a successful season in 1978.

Newcastle Olympic has fulfilled its potential by clinching the Minor Premiership and ensuring promotion to the third division in 1979. Its success this year has been based on a rock-like defence, a very skilful midfield, and a lethal forward line.

Two very talented players in the team are Chris Karamanolis and Paul Clarke. Chris is only 18 years of age and is one of the most talented Olympic players. A very expressive winger, he has turned most defences inside out with his clever ball control.

As equally brilliant as Chris is goalkeeper Paul Clarke. Paul is an Australian Schoolboy's representative team keeper and most surely must rate amongst the top five goalkeepers in the Northern Federation. His brilliant reflex saves, have stopped many dangerous attacking raides by opposition teams this year.

A decisive factor for the club's success in 1978 has been its depth in lower grades. The second grade team is strong and is placed on the top half of the table. On the other hand the third grade team has clinched second place and must be given a very good chance of winning the Major Premiership.

Finally as well as the ability of the players, another factor which has contributed to the success of the club must be recognised, is the efforts of the dedicated committee which, throughout the year, has worked hard to consolidate the position of the club.

The combination of all these factors has led to Newcastle Olympic being in such a position whereby it can look forward to a long and successful future in the Northern N.S.W. Soccer Federation.

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H. Asvestas	S. Rendina
J. Chatzikonstantinos	A. Thodas
P. Caimakamis	C. Nicholas
C. Gounis	C. Karamonolis
A. Tsourtos	B. Morrow
C. Pappas	

5TH DIVISION

Charlestown Hotspurs after being relegated to Fifth Division in 1977 showed the critics that, that was not its true form, coached by that soccer crazy Chiefie Convery, Hotspurs will be seen in Fourth Division in 1979, "take heed" you Fourth Division Clubs, "Chiefie" will be around.

Greg Morris, Midfielder and club man of the year. Top goal scorer for 1978.

Craig Wettig hard working midfielder has lots of potential and the makings of a First Division player.

NELSON BAY SOCCER CLUB

The Nelson Bay Senior Club was formed from the Nelson Bay Junior Soccer Club, which began in 1975. One of the Junior Coaches, Mr Phil Martin, saw the need for senior sides so that the up and coming players, from the junior ranks, would be able to continue their sport without leaving the district. Thus, in 1977, the Senior Teams took the field for the first time.

The first season was fraught with difficulties, such as lack of funds, recruitment, transport and publicity, but perseverence from Phil and a handful of stalwarts, saw the 1978 season opening on a high note, and indeed, the results from both first and reserve sides, in the first half of the year, were very

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encouraging. A mid-season slump, however, caused some unexpected reversals, and the club was displaced from the top of the charts, but a late return to the sort of form we had come to expect, gave the club second spot on the table promotion to the next Division.

To mention a few of the more prominent members of the club it is necessary to start with Phil Martin, the Senior Coach. Phil, a local plumber, plays as a striker, and what he lacks in size, he makes up for in power and aggression, and any opponent allowing him space is making a fatal mistake.

Some of the lads from Nelson Bay Seniors.

Bill Cole (son of John Cole, President), acts as Club Captain Bill finished last season with 35 goals to his credit, but still bemoans the fact that he missed a penalty. Col Smith, "Jack-of-all-Trades," is a winger, but with a bustling style of the old English Centre Forward, and has scored many goals with his crashing right foot drives. "Shorty" Matthews, Student, is our modest unassuming goalkeeper, and was selected to represent a Newcastle Schoolboys side this season. Otto Kiss travels from Maitland to Nelson Bay three times per week to play in the mid-field, and is supported by his father, John Kiss, who is Trainer to the club. John Raisborough, who, with three of his mates, comes from the RAAF Base at Williamtown, plays a strong attacking mid-field role, and live wire Elio Mislov can be seen in just about any position at various times. Although many other names spring to mind, the story would not be complete without Wendy Martin, who, each week, does the paperwork, tends the injured, listens to the moans, and, together with carrying next years "club mascot", somehow manages to put up with it all. Thanks to Wendy.

The club plans to field 3 sides in 1979, and the influx of new players will bolster the club strength and morale even further. The club's future plans are to build a team with the ability to climb through the Divisions and give the local area a reason to be proud of its local soccer team. Last years efforts are just a taste of what is to come.

SOCCER PRINCESS

Congratulations to Jan Lasance, the reigning Northern N.S.W. Soccer Princess.

Jan, who represents the Weston Bears Club, won her 1978 title and succeeded the 1977 Princess, Suzi Semetka, the

Jan Lasance.

Wallsend club representative, when she gained the judges' approval over nine other candidates at the Newcastle International Sports Centre on September 1.

The judging panel, which comprised Mr Tom Roberts, his wife, Madeleine, Miss Anne Feneley, Mr Wes Cornish, and Mr Noel Harrison, assessed the candidates on grooming, deportment, personality and articulation.

They awarded second place to Pauline Fitzgerald, from the Garden Suburb club.

Jan received her winner's sash and tiara at the Federation's Princess Ball, held at the City Hall on September 15, when Newcastle's Lord Mayor, Ald. Joy Cummings, was a guest amongst the crowd of about 200.

Jan's prizes were a holiday for two at Tangalooma, on Moreton Island, sponsored by John Reid Travel Service, the management of Tangaloom beach resort and the Federation, and a gold wrist watch donated by Caldwell's Newcastle jewellery store. Air transport to and from Brisbane on route to Tangalooma was provided free by TAA.

Pauline Fitzgerald's prize was a $100 open order at Caldwell's, by courtesy of the Federation.

Conditions of entry to the Princess Quest were that candidates had to be aged between 18 and 25 years, and must have been engaged in fund-raising activities for their clubs.

THE NORTHERN N.S.W. SOCCER COACHES ASSOCIATION

The N.N.S.W.C.A. was formed some seventeen years ago. After a squad of Newcastle Coaches attended a school for coaches at Myuna Bay. One of the instructors on that course was Joe Velasis then known as Uncle Joe, by all the younger coaches. Mr Velasis after coaching Sydney Clubs for many years then concentrated on Junior representative teams and is now coaching St George in the P.S.L. competition. The aims of the Association are to foster and improve soccer in the North by the improvement of the standard of coaching and to allow members to meet and exchange ideas.

The first officers were R. Frame (President) H. Stone (Secretary) and the late Tom Dawson was elected Director of Coaching. In the ensuring years the Association has conducted many basic and preliminary courses seeing some 600 coaches

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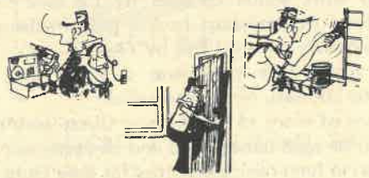

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attend courses and 11 coaches passing the senior course which up till two years ago members had to travel to Sydney for a live-in week course. The next Senior course will be conducted in Newcastle in November by the Director of Coaching of Northern N.S.W., Alan Vest.

The Coaches Association has to rely on its finance from the running of skilled clinics for players – membership fees and the yearly schoolboy live-in course conducted at Morpeth Conference Centre. One of the Association's first ambitions was to establish a coaching academy of its own and over $1000 had been raised for this purpose but with rising costs of running the Association this now only appears as a pipe dream.

The summer schoolboy coaching course conducted for the last eleven years has been the most successful course of its kind conducted in Australia with players coming from the Newcastle area, Central Coast and as far away as Lismore and Tamworth. N. Endicott, S. Werrin, P. Tredinnick and G. Weber are just a few names of some of the 1700 boys who have attended this course.

Two of the stalwart members of the Association are Bob Frame and George Schott, both being members since the formation of the Association, 17 years ago with Bob, holding the position of President for eleven years and George, Director of Coaching and Secretary at different times for long periods.

The coaches meet monthly, having doctors, P.E. teachers, referees, physiotherapists giving lectures conducting film nights and having senior courses giving practical demonstrations.

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TILL THE BLUE BELLS FORGET TO BLOOM

– by Ern Craig

West Wallsend must go down as one of the most famous clubs to participate in Australian soccer.

Formed in 1892 its first major trophy was the winning of the Gardiner Cup in 1900 and again in 1901. One of the well-known players in those days was Jimmie Curran Snr., a great grandfather of present Socceroo and Philips League player, Colin Curran.

The club is known as the Bluebells and play in the colours of Royal Blue and White. Johnson's Ground has been its playing headquarters for more than 50 years. Caledonian Coal Company owned this land until the early fifties when the club purchased it with the aid of the Joint Coal Board.

The most successful era of the club was when it succeeded in winning the Gardiner Cup in 1921, 1923, 1924 and 1925. In 1924 along with the Gardiner Cup, they won the Kerr and Ellis Cup, playing 29 games, scoring 109 goals with 22 against. "Podge" Maunders, the centre forward, who some people will say was the best forward to play in the North, scored 37 goals in 21 matches in that season.

While most of these famous players of this era have passed on Henry Maunders, brother of "Podge" and an outstanding full back; Clarrie Coutts, a midfielder with many outstanding performances; and Frankie Hayes a utility player can still relate many interesting and heartwarming experiences of those wonderful days.

Depression years had its effect on the club with many players going to Aberdare, Adamstown and Wallsend when State League came about in 1928.

This was followed by players going to Sydney to achieve in the thirties work. One remembers the Hughes family – Jack, Ben, Ron – who all became members of Metters Club. Jack "Bully" was then one of the best ball players in Australia and went on to represent Australia. Ron (Coogan) as a centre forward scored many goals for Metters. Then there was Edwin (Doc) Ball, Jack (Toos) Thornton, Tommy Grimson who went to St George just to mention a few for there were many more who went south.

Despite these setbacks the club came back and won the Robertson Cup in 1936.

Some well-known players of that team were Arch Dellaway, Bunny Muir, Wagga James, Alex Heaney, Jim Toward, Dave Kaiser, Martin Burt, Ed Daley, Jack Sidebottom.

In 1945 they won the State Cup beating Metters, 2–1 with George Bush scoring both goals.

Players with surnames of Coutts, Kaiser, James Sneddon, Robinson, Whitelaw, Maunders, Coolahan we hope will never disappear from the Bluebells' teamsheet and in fact, at the present time there is a third generation of some of these names playing with the club.

Many players have represented and given long service to the club, and among such names are Dave Bone, R. Atkinson, K. Grant, D. Cowie, A. Kelly, T. Underwood, D. Ahrens, Jim Sneddon, A. Pugh, G. Robinson, R. Robinson, H. Whitelaw, John Sneddon, G. Penman, R. Cooper, A. Wilson, T. Bowie, J. Forster, Jock Hodge, C. Johnson, W. Green, C. Atkinson and may I apologise for names I have missed out due to space but we say thanks and well done to all Blue shirt players.

Over the years the club can be thankful for good administrators devoted and willing committees both women and men. So many people have been involved in such it would be impossible to name personally but their efforts are certainly respected for what they have done for the club over the years.

It might be said that gone are the days of packed trams – special trains to follow the Bluebells to Hobart Park etc. but ask anybody who has the best following in the North and the answer is sure to be "the Bluebells."

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SOCCER - IT'S BEEN AROUND FOR A LONG, LONG TIME

by Myles Hay

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It seems an appropriate time to talk about soccer in Australia.

With the completion of the second full season of the Philips Soccer League, Australia's only national football competition, greater emphasis on professionalism and dedication is being realised.

The outcome must boost Australia's chances in the World soccer climate in years to come.

But the origin of the game is still somewhat obscure.

The Scot's like to think that the game originated in Scotland, but away back in the Nan Dynasty in China a form of football was played.

The Chinese warriors indulged in a game called Tsu Chu (which interpreted meant "kick ball'). This was carried out as a fitness training exercise.

In Japan it was called Kemari and in Vietnam (then Indo-China) a sacrificial bull's head was booted over the dead chieftain's body in a funeral ritual.

It is difficult to believe that even the ancient Romans practised Harpastum – another form of what we know now as Soccer, and they carried the ball game on their conquests of Britian.

History shows that the game caused many deaths on the playing field, but the game did become more civilised as the centuries rolled by.

Would you believe that Oliver Cromwell was a leading light at football while attending Cambridge?

Finally as the game nurtured and developed in the English Public Schools and Universities it emerged as a properly organised sport in 1865. This was the formation of the Football Association in England.

Just to demonstrate just how international this code of soccer is,, football has been played by mountaineers 16,000 feet up Mount Everest, played on ice by explorer Captain Scott's men in the Antartic. The game was even practiced British soldiers in the first World War when they clambered out of the trenches to dribble the ball into "No Man's Land" on the Western front.

Many factors have contributed to the game's world wide appeal. It is fundamentally simple in conception; it can be played in all climates, on surfaces rough or smooth, hard or soft. Its basic skills can be acquired without resort to special equipment or coaching; its pleasurers are open to any youngster whether he be a barefoot Pele on a Brazilian beach or a budding Bobby Charlton dribbling a tennis ball through his home village of Ashington, near Newcastle-on-Tyne in England.

Not the least, it is a game which is a joy to watch as well as to participate.

KURRI KURRI SOCCER CLUB

The town of Kurri was established in 1904 and it would be no exaggeration to state that while half the population was busy building a town the other half was busy belting the hell out of a soccer ball.

Life on the early coalfields had two interests and both stemmed from the origins of the early settlers. The winning of coal from the areas' mines was only slightly more important than the winning of the weekly soccer matches against the neighbouring towns. Rivalry between the small settlements was high and each won had its local heroes, who were more well known than the mine bosses.

In the early days, Soccer in Kurri was played on a ground in the centre of the town, and which became known as the Drill Hall ground. There is no doubt that the central situation of the ground and its proximity to the local hostelries had a lot to do with the popularity of the sport inso far as the general public was concerned. It is a fact that, when the soccer club obtained the use of the area known as Gould Park, near the Railway Station. John Q. Citizen, being uncommitted to any one sport, found the one mile he had to walk to get to the ground from their favourite pub. Accordingly attendances slackened and the fanatic interest exhibited in the beginning waned.

The dedicated, however, remained, and through their efforts Kurri became the first Northern N.S.W. Club to become semi professional, and was a foundation member of the first State League and were runners up in the State Premiership in 1929. The next success in the State competition came 15 years later, when the club made the semi finals. The Stevenson Cup came to the club on four occasions – 1923, 1928, 1944 and 1943.

Soccer as at senior level gradually died out in Kurri during the 1950's but the code was maintained at junior level. The revival began in 1968 when two teams were entered in an Amateur League competition and then in 1974, when the Northern N.S.W. Federation called for applications for a third division competition, Kurri was one of the first to apply.

1975, 6, 7 was a period of consolidation and growth, and under the coaching of the former Australian Player, Johnny Barr, Kurri began to climb towards promotion.

This year 1978, under the coaching of Bogdan Duma, Kurri has won promotion to 2nd division in 1979.

In 1979 during the town's 75th birthday celebrations the club will play on its new ground Birralee Park off Hedden Street. Through Government and Council assistance the ground and amenities have cost in the vicinity of $90,000.00.

Over the years, many famous names have been associated with Kurri Soccer, but perhaps the best known is Mr Sid Grant Australia's most recognised and respected authority on the game in Australia. Sid's involvement in Kurri began in 1916

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with the Junior teams, when he played in an under 16 competition, while managing an under 14 side. In 1927 he was elected President of the club, a position he held during the formative years of the State League.

NEWCASTLE SUN – QANTAS Best and Fairest Player for 1978
The Bolshies are Proud –
Wallsend's little dynamo, Phil Ridley, were proud by his consistant play throughout the 1978 season, has won the Newcastle Sun – Qantas best and fairest award. Always a favourite with the crowds, Phil's pleasant personality and modest, unassuming nature, plus his skill with the ball, won for himself, friends, wherever he went. Naturally, Wallsend fans were elated when he scored well in the "Best and Fairest player competiton."

Notabilities at the recent Rothman's Premiership grand final at Crystal Palace, were snapped in the Wallsend Soccer Club. (L to R): Ald. Noel Unicomb of Maitland, Ald. Geoff Pasterfield, Mayor of Lake Macquarie, Reg Date former soccer international and Harley Dixon.

Jesmond v Mayfield United at the beautiful Jesmond Park, this park is renowned for its magnificent roses. Goalkeeper Bob Morrison (Jesmond) fights to stave off a determined challenge by Mayfield United forward Alan Nesbit.

A Belmont-Swansea supporter enjoys a cook K.B. with Mum and the kids.

Former talented Mayfield United midfielder, Harold Fryer has returned to his old club to help coach it back to 1st Division.

MAURICE HAWKEN
Newcastle Technical College have for some years been "always the bridesmaid," finishing with a chance of major honours but never taking home the trophies. Tech. aim to remedy that situation this coming year. Fitness should not be a problem in 1979; and with a little more dedication and determination all round Tech could be looking Division 3 in the face in 1980.

Archie Lambkin former Merewether, Mayfield and Weston Bears stalwart who was the guiding light for Shortland R.S.L. in the Federation Fifth Division – congratulations Arch.

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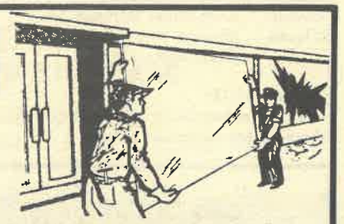

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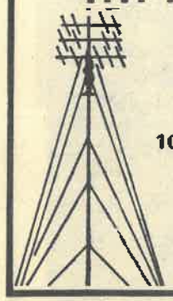

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FIRST GRADE:	Minor Semi Final
	Weston 3 v. Adamstown 2
	Major Semi Final
	Edgeworth 4 v. Highfields Azzuri 1
Reserve Grade:	Minor Semi Final
	Weston 2 v. Wallsend 0
	Major Semi Final
	Highfields Azzuri 1 v. Adamstown 0
Third Grade:	Minor Semi Final
	West Wallsend 2 v. Lake Macquarie 1
	Major Semi Final
	Adamstown 2 v. Toronto Awaba 2
	Replay
	Adamstown 2 v. Toronto Awaba 1
FINAL	
First Grade:	Weston 1 v. Highfields Azzuri 0
Reserve Grade:	Weston 2 v. Adamstown 0
Third Grade:	Toronto Awaba 4 v. West Wallsend 1
GRAND FINAL:	
First Grade:	Edgeworth 2 v. Weston 0
Reserve Grade:	Weston 1 v. Highfields Azzuri 0
Third Grade:	Adamstown 2 v. Toronto Awaba 1

SECOND DIVISION RESULTS 1978

First Grade:	Minor Semi Final
	Lambton Jaffas 3 v. Hamilton Red Star 1.
	Major Semi Final
	Belmont Swansea 4 v. Belmont 0
Reserve Grade:	Minor Semi Final
	Jesmond 1 v. New Lambton 1
	Replay
	Jesmond 2 v. New Lambton 1
	Major Semi Final
	Belmont Swansea 2 v. Belmont 2
	Replay
	Belmont Swansea 1 v. Belmont 1 – Extra time was played, the score still remained a tie. Each side then took 5 penalty kicks each.
	Belmont Swansea 5 v. Belmont 4
Third Grade:	Minor Semi Final
	West Lakes 1 v. Belmont 0
	Major Semi Final
	New Lambton 4 v. Belmont Swansea 2
First Grade:	Final
	Lambton Jaffas 1 v. Belmont 1
	Replay: Belmont 4 v. Lambton Jaffas 0
Reserve Grade:	Belmont 3 v. Jesmond 3
	Replay: Jesmond 3 v. Belmont 2
Third Grade:	Belmont Swansea 1 v. West Lakes 0
GRAND FINAL	
First Grade:	Belmont Swansea 1 v. Belmont 0
Reserve Grade:	Belmont Swansea 5 v. Jesmond 1
Third Grade:	Belmont Swansea 1 v. New Lambton 0.

THIRD DIVISION RESULTS 1978

First Grade:	Minor Semi Final
	Swansea Workers 0 v. Raymond Terrace 0
	Replay: Raymond Terrace 6 v. Swansea Workers 2
	Major Semi Final
	Kurri Kurri 1 v. Doyalson R.S.L. 0
Reserve Grade:	Minor Semi Final
	Swansea Workers 4 v. Stockton 1
	Major Semi Final
	Kurri 1 v. Raymond Terrace 1
	Replay: Kurri 3 v. Raymond Terrace 2.
Third Grade:	Minor Semi Final
	Stockton 2 v. Kurri Kurri 0
	Major Semi Final
	Swansea Workers 1 v. Beresfield 1
FINAL:	
First Grade:	Raymond Terrace 4 v. Doyalson R.L.S. 2
Reserve Grade:	Swansea Workers 1 v. Raymond Terrace 0
Third Grade:	Stockton 2 v. Swansea Workers 1
GRAND FINAL:	
First Grade:	Kurri Kurri 2 v. Raymond Terrace 1
Reserve Grade:	Swansea Workers 1 v. Kurri Kurri 0
Third Grade:	Beresfield 2 v. Stockton 0

FOURTH DIVISION RESULTS 1978

First Grade:	Minor Semi Final
	Garden Suburb 1 v. Technical College 0
	Major Semi Final
	Newcastle Olympic 2 v. Dudley Redhead 0
Reserve Grade:	Minor Semi Final
	Technical College 5 v. Kearsley 0
	Reserve Major Semi Final
	Dudley Redhead 1 v. Wallsend Rovers 0
Third Grade:	Minor Semi Final
	Wallsend Rovers 3 v. Garden Suburb 0

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	Newcastle Olympic 2 v Dudley Redhead 0
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Reserve Grade:	Final
	Wallsend Rovers 0 v. Technical College 0
Replay:	Wallsend Rovers 1 v. Technical College 0
Third Grade:	Wallsend Rovers 1 v. Dudley Redhead 0
First Grade:	Grand Final
	Newcastle Olympic 1 v. Garden Suburbs 0
Reserve Grade:	Wallsend Rovers 2 v. Dudley Redhead 1
Third Grade:	Wallsend Rovers 2 v. Newcastle Olympic 1

FIFTH DIVISION RESULTS 1978

First Grade:	Minor Semi Final
	Shortland R.S.L. 5 v. Marks Point 0
	Major Semi Final
	Charlestown Hotspurs 2 v. Nelson Bay 1
Reserve Grade:	Minor Semi Final
	Shortland R.S.L. 1 v. Tomago Eagles 0
	Major Semi Final
	Charlestown Hotspurs 2 v. Marks Point 2
	Replay
	Marks Point 5 v. Charlestown Hotspurs 2
First Grade:	Final
	Shortland R.S.L. 3 v. Nelson Bay 1
Reserve Grade:	Charlestown Hotspurs 2 v. Shortland R.S.L. 0
First Grade:	Grand Final
	Shortland R.S.L. 2 v. Charlestown Hotspurs 2
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	Shortland R.S.L. 4 Penalties to Charlestown Hotspurs 3.
Reserve Grade:	Marks Point 1 v. Charlestown Hotspurs 1
Replay:	Charlestown Hotspurs 3 v Marks Point 0

PLAYER APPEARANCES 1978 SEASON

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EDGEWORTH:
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Goalscorers: J. McBreen (13), A. Parkinson (9), J. Paton (8) J. Rutledge (7) K. Riley (5) D. Smith (2) D. Kamasz (2) C. Beatty (1) W. Anderson (1).

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Goalscorers: V. Hogan (17) N. Power (9) P. Dobbins (7) W. Alexander (6) C. Lochrin (6) J. Adamthwaite (5) P. Fairleigh (2) W. Maguire (1) M. Weber (1) M. Bizzarri (1)

WESTON:
M. Davies (22) D. King (22) D. Stoker (22) T. Snedden (21) D. Thompson (21) J.T. Turnbull (21) C. Harper (19) J.J. Turnbull (19) J. Morton (19) R. Lasance (17) J.B. Turnbull (15) D. Machie (5) R. Johnson (5) S. Turnbull (5) D. Turnbull (2) S. Koosmen (1) S. Boyland (14) P. Falk (3).

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Goalscorers: K. Lagerstrom (10) S. Werrin (8) G. Jennings (6) M. McClelland (4) T. Smythe (4) G. Nesbitt (3) W. Kallour (3) G. Hills (3) J. Foley (2) D. Sweeney (1) W. Bodsworth (1) J. Clinton (1) P. Jaye (1) P. Hodges (1).

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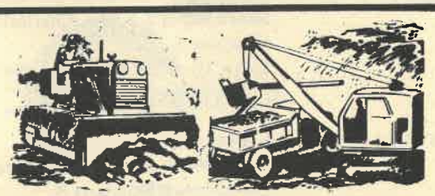

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KURRI KURRI:
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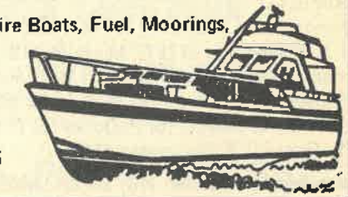

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Tie 4 – Jesmond	v	Stewart & Lloyds	6.30pm Austral Park
Tie 5 – Doyalson R.S.L.	v	Mayfield	2.00pm Edgeworth
Tie 6 – Central Coast	v	Swansea Workers	3.30pm Edgeworth
Tie 7 – Lambton Jaffas	v	Hamilton Red Star	5.00pm Edgeworth
Tie 8 – Kurri Kurri	v	Gosford Rangers	6.30pm Edgeworth

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WEEK 2	2 v 12	3 v 1	4 v 11	5 v 10	6 v 9	7 v 8
WEEK 3	1 v 4	2 v 3	9 v 7	10 v 6	11 v 5	12 v 8
WEEK 4	2 v 12	4 v 2	5 v 1	6 v 11	7 v 10	8 v 9
WEEK 5	1 v 6	2 v 5	3 v 4	10 v 8	11 v 7	12 v 9
WEEK 6	4 v 12	5 v 3	6 v 2	7 v 1	8 v 11	9 v 10
WEEK 7	1 v 8	2 v 7	3 v 6	4 v 5	11 v 9	12 v 10
WEEK 8	5 v 12	6 v 4	7 v 3	8 v 2	9 v 1	10 v 11
WEEK 9	1 v 10	2 v 9	3 v 8	4 v 7	5 v 61	12 v 11
WEEK 10	6 v 12	7 v 5	8 v 4	9 v 3	10 v 2	11 v 1
WEEK 11	1 v 12	2 v 11	3 v 10	4 v 9	5 v 8	6 v 7
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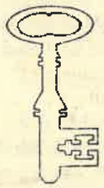

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MINOR LEAGUE PRE-SEASON CUP

INFORMATION SHEET:

1. **PARTICIPANTS:** 8 Div. 3 Clubs + 12 Div. 4 Clubs + 12 Div. 5 Clubs.
2. **FORMAT:**
   The first games will be on 4th February as a Knockout Round and a detailed draw is attaced. Fixtures will be set for a 9.30 a.m. kick off.
3. **DURATION OF MATCHES:**
   a. Elimination Rounds, Qualifying Rounds, Round Robin Series and Quarter Final matches shall be 35 minutes each way.
   b. Semi-Final matches AND the Final shall be 40 minutes each way.
   c. EXTRA TIME of 5 minutes each way will be played if scores are level at the completion of the allocated time in all the Rounds EXCEPT in the Round Robin. If scores are still level after the playing of EXTRA TIME then the match will be decided by the 5 Penalty Kick Method.
4. **ADMISSION CHARGES:**
   Except for 40 cents car parking at all games Admission charges as follows shall be charged ONLY at Semi Finals and at the Final. At all other matches the participating Clubs are at liberty to make a "blanket collection" at each game with the proceeds being equally divided between the clubs participating in games at that ground on that day.
   At Semi-Finals and the Final charges for admission shall be:-
   80 cents Adults; 40 cents cars; 20 cents Child or Pensioner. Competing Players and their Club Officials shall be admitted FREE of charge at Semi Finals and at the Final by surrendering their PASS to the Gatekeeper. The Passes will be returned by the Federation if the Club wins its fixtures and advances to the next game.
5. **REFEREES FEES:**
   The Official Referee and Linesmen shall be paid by the participating Clubs at each game with the exception of the Semi Finals and the Final, when payment will be made by the Federation out of the GROSS Gate Receipts. In all cases payment shall be made at the rate applicable to the more senior grade of the competing Clubs.
6. **HOME TEAM STATUS:**
   For the purposes of the sale of Doubles and the "change of strip" rule, the Club whose name appears first on the Fixtures List shall be the Home Club and shall supply the Team Sheet for the fixture.
7. **FUND RAISING:**
   Raffles and Doubles at all Minor League Pre-Season Matches shall be conducted by mutual arrangement among the competing Clubs at a venue on a work/profit-sharing basis.
8. **MATCH BALL:**
   Each participating Club shall provide a suitable MATCH BALL for their game, after selection of one of those Balls by the Referee prior to the start of the match, the other Ball shall be kept at the sideline for use in case the match ball is kicked out of bounds, lost of burst etc.
9. **FIRST AID ATTENDANT:**
   It is the responsibility of each competing Club to have their First Aid Attendant seated on the sideline during their match.
10. **HOST CLUB:**
    To ensure a successful promotion of Minor League Pre-Season Cup matches at their ground, the Host Club should provide:-
    a. a well prepared playing surface, clearly marked, with nets, corner flags and canteen facilities for patrons.
    b. sufficient persons to adequatley operate all gates at Semi Finals and the Final.
    c. Two properly attired ballboys and a scoreboard attendant (all over 12 yrs.)
    d. at grounds where a Public Address system is available, provide an announcer to operate it by announcing the teams, playing "Advance Australia Fair" before the start of the match and advertising the Sponsor's Products (if Competition is sponsored).
    e. a person to phone the results of matches played there to the Fixtures Officer At 524919 straight after the match.
11. **FORFEIT OF MATCHES:**
    If any Club fails to "turn up" or is not ready to field a team within 15 minutes after the appointed time for the commencement of its Fixture the result of the game shall be a Forfeit to the opposing Club on the basis of a 2 Nil Win to the opposition AND the "Forfeiting Club" shall pay any Fees due to the appointed Referee and Linesman.

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N.B.N. CUP 1st ROUND KNOCKOUT, FEBRUARY 4th, 1979

				TIME	GROUND
A	LAMBTON RANGERS	v	BRANXTON-GRETA	10.45 a.m.	GARDEN SUBURBS 1
B	WALLSEND UNITED	v	MORISSET	10.45 a.m.	LYMINGTON PARK, CARDIFF.
C	WARNERS BAY	v	HOLMESVILLE	9.30 a.m.	LYMINGTON PARK, CARDIFF.
D	MUSWELLBROOK	v	BARNSLEY	10.45 a.m.	AUSTRAL PARK
E	CHARLESTOWN HOTSPURS	v	SINGLETON	10.45 a.m.	GARDEN SUBURBS 2
F	NELSON BAY	v	RUTHERFORD	9.30 a.m.	AUSTRAL PARK
G	SHORTLAND R.S.L.	v	SOUTH WALLSEND	9.30 a.m.	GARDEN SUBURBS 1
H	MARKS POINT B.C.	v	TOMAGO EAGLES	9.30 a.m.	GARDEN SUBURBS 2

N.B.N. CUP 2nd ROUND KNOCKOUT, FEBRUARY 11th, 1979.

				TIME	GROUND
J	CARDIFF RAILWAY	v	WINNER GAME A	9.30 a.m.	LYMINGTON PARK, CARDIFF.
K	CARDIFF WORKERS	v	WINNER GAME B	10.45 a.m.	LYMINGTON PARK, CARDIFF.
L	HAMILTON INTERNATIONAL	v	WINNER GAME C	9.30 a.m.	GARDEN SUBURBS 2
M	KEARSLEY	v	WINNER GAME D	10.45 a.m.	GARDEN SUBURBS 2
N	TECH COLLEGE	v	WINNER GAME E	9.30 a.m.	GARDEN SUBURBS 1
O	GARDEN SUBURBS	v	WINNER GAME F	10.45 a.m.	GARDEN SUBURBS 1
P	DUDLEY-REDHEAD	v	WINNER GAME G	9.30 a.m.	AUSTRAL PARK
Q	NEWCASTLE OLYMPIC	v	WINNER GAME H	10.45 a.m.	AUSTRAL PARK

N.B.N. CUP ROUND ROBIN GROUPS

GROUP 1	GROUP 3
KOTARA SOUTH	STOCKTON
KAHIBAH	UNIVERSITY
WINNER GAME J	WINNER GAME L
WINNER GAME N	WINNER GAME P
GROUP 2	**GROUP 4**
COOKS HILL	CARDIFF
BERESFIELD	MEREWETHER
WINNER GAME K	WINNER GAME M
WINNER GAME O	WINNER GAME Q

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N.B.N. CUP ROUND ROBIN

GROUP 1.

LYMINGTON PARK, CARDIFF

			DATE	TIME
Kotara Sth.	v	Kahibah	Feb. 18	9.30 am
Winner Game J	v	Winner Game N	Feb. 18	10.45 am
Kotara Sth.	v	Winner Game J	Feb. 25	9.30 am
Kahibah	v	Winner Game N	Feb. 25	10.45 am
Kotara Sth.	v	Winner Game N	Mar. 4	9.30 am
Kahibah	v	Winner Game J	Mar. 4	10.45 am

GROUP 2
GARDEN SUBURBS No. 1

Cooks Hill1	v	Beresfield	Feb. 18	9.30 am
Winner Game K	v	Winner Game O	Feb. 18	10.45 am
Cooks Hill	v	Winner Game K	Feb. 25	9.30 am
Beresfield	v	Winner Game O	Feb. 25	10.45 am
Cooks Hill	v	Winner Game O	Mar. 4	9.30 am
Beresfield	v	Winner Game K	Mar. 4	10.45 am

GROUP 3
GARDEN SUBURBS No. 2

Stockton	v	University	Feb. 18	9.30 am
Winner Game L	v	Winner Game P	Feb. 18	10.45 am
Stockton	v	Winner Game L	Feb. 25	9.30 am
University	v	Winner Game P	Feb. 25	10.45 am
Stockton	v	Winner Game P	Mar. 4	9.30 am
University	v	Winner Game L	Mar. 4	10.45 am

GROUP 4
AUSTRAL PARK

Sth. Cardiff	v	Merewether	Feb. 18	9.30 am
Winner Game M	v	Winner Game Q	Feb. 18	10.45 am
Sth. Cardiff	v	Winner Game M	Feb. 25	9.30 am
Merewether	v	Winner Game Q	Feb. 25	10.45 am
Sth. Cardiff	v	Winner Game Q	Mar. 4	9.30 am
Merewether	v	Winner Game M	Mar. 4	10.45 am

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Under 13
Under 14
Under 15
Under 16
Under 18 All Aged

THE COMBINED NUMBER OF JUNIOR TEAMS IN NORTHERN N.S.W. IN APRIL WAS AS FOLLOWS

Under 7	120	Under 13	118
Under 8	200	Under 14	117
Under 9	215	Under 15	90
Under 10	130	Under 16	217
Under 11	118	Under 18	40
Under 12	146		

Other divisions 160

Number of teams 1666. Players 23, 150.

BREAKDOWN OF TEAMS IN NORTHERN N.S.W.

Under	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	18	Other
Hunter District	18	20	10	10	10	20	10	15	10	5	10	13
Northern Rivers	20	14	14	14	8	17	9	12	6	13	–	20
New England	10	12	14	10	12	14	14	10	4	10	10	20
Lower Nth Coast	22	17	14	14	8	20	9	12	–	13	–	26
Central Coast	20	20	26	20	18	20	20	20	20	10	10	26
Macquarie	30	30	24	30	26	24	24	26	18	16	10	–
Richmond Tweed	–	–	77	–	–	–	–	–	–	128	–	55
Newcastle	–	87	36	32	36	31	32	22	22	17	–	–

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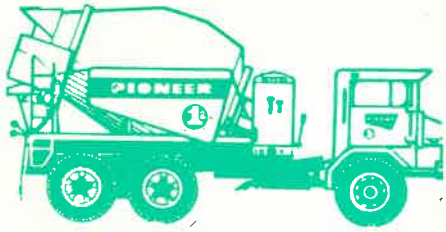

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